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Free mooring limit set to be cut by Vale

By **Dominic Thomas**

PLANS to reduce free mooring for boats in Abingdon from five days to three are to be discussed by district councillors next week.

The proposals will come before Vale of White Horse District Council's scrutiny committee on Thursday, along with plans to create a bylaw allowing the local authority to seize abandoned boats and impose heavier fines for over-staying.

The council has come up with the plans as a result of working groups of interested parties to tackle long-standing problems with mooring.

The council's five-day limit on mooring has often been ignored by boaters, who have taken advantage of a lack of enforcement to overstay their allotted time.

It has led to some boats moored in the Wilsham Road area being abandoned for years.

The report coming before the councillors says this has led to "anti-social behaviour and a nuisance to local residents" and a "problematic" situation.

Sandy Lovatt, who serves on the Vale and Abingdon Town Council said: "It's been a long time coming and I'm glad something is finally going to be done about it."

However, others, including manager of Abingdon Bridge Marine, Samuel King, said the plans were a worry for local businesses.

Mr King said: "Abingdon is a fantastic place to come for mooring and the reason it does so well is

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Drugs gang ordered to pay back almost £1m

By **Dominic Thomas**

AN OXFORDSHIRE drugs gang sentenced to 92 years in jail have been ordered to repay nearly £1milion from drugs they sold in Oxford.

A gang of 11 men were sentenced last year after police found over £24million worth of drugs and £50,000 in cash, and have now been forced to pay confiscation orders totalling £945,879.

One of the men, Martin Gray, 34, of Randolph Avenue in Woodstock, has three months to pay £615,154 after pleading guilty to two counts of conspiracy to supply cocaine and heroin.

• Martin Gray

If not paid in time, Gray, who is serving 18 years in prison after being convicted last year, will face a further five and a half years in prison.

Gavin Preston, 37, of Astrop Lane in Oxford, was given an order to pay £164,470 within three months or face a further two years imprisonment. He is currently serving 12 years.

The men were arrested in February and March 2014 after a series of property searches in Oxford and Woodstock, as well as vehicle searches in High Wycombe and Dover.

The raids saw police recover 14kg of cocaine and 7kg of heroin, as well as cash, a hydraulic press and various drug paraphernalia.

Earlier this year six other Oxford men were also given confiscation orders after being sentenced for the conspiracy to supply class A drugs, along with two men from Northampton.

Another man, Hakan Razaki, 44, from Prunuslaan, the Netherlands, was also jailed for five years for importing the drugs.

Meanwhile Reece Preston, 30, from Ashurst Way in Oxford, pleaded guilty to allowing his premises to be used in the supply of controlled drugs.

• Money recovered by police

Phillip Croxson, of Thames Valley Police Economic Crime Unit, who brought the charges, said: "This has been a long and challenging investigation into the financial affairs of this organised crime group.

"Our attempts to secure confiscation orders and forfeitures have often been vigorously contested.

"But I am pleased that the matter is concluded with £779,624.22 being confiscated from the last two men."

Health trust chairman steps down

THE interim chairman of under-fire Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust has resigned for 'personal reasons'.

Tim Smart, (pictured left), was criticised last month after it was revealed that a new £240,000-a-year post was "created" for former chief executive Katrina Percy (pictured right).

Mr Smart was appointed chairman in May this year.

Last month, Ms Percy stepped down as head of Southern Health citing "media attention" as her reason for doing so, after the trust failed to investigate hundreds of deaths, including that of Connor Sparrowhawk in 2013, who died in a bath following an epileptic seizure while under the trust's care.

In a statement on Monday, Southern Health said: "Tim Smart has taken the decision to resign from his position as interim chair, with immediate effect, for personal reasons.

"Since his appointment in May this year, Tim has made a considerable contribution to the trust, driving through changes necessary to improve our services.

"We would like to thank him for his time and dedication.

"We are working with NHS Improvement to appoint a new Interim Chair as soon as possible."

In the meantime, Malcolm Berryman, as deputy chairman, will ensure that the duties of the Trust Board are carried out.

Oxford charity My Life My Choice, run by and for adults with learning disabilities, broke its association with Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust in an open letter to Mr Smart on September 7.

• Connor Sparrowhawk

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Appeal to mum

OXFORD: Police are again appealing to the mother of a stillborn baby found dead on a footpath in Oxford in February to contact them.

A funeral for the infant is being arranged and police would like to know of the girl's name and any religious or other beliefs of the family, who are yet unknown.

In an appeal to the baby's mother, Sarah Danzelman, of Thames Valley Police, said: "If you are the mother of this little girl, we are still thinking of you – we would like to ensure you are given the support you need.

"What is also really important is what kind of funeral service you would like your daughter to have."

She added: "There is a mobile number you can me directly on – this is 07470 911038. We will ensure you are kept safe if you feel you are in any danger."

A date for the funeral is yet to be set.

Hunt for man

BANBURY: A man who is wanted on recall to prison is still being hunted by police.

Andrezj Sikorski, 34 (pictured below), a Polish national who was living in Banbury, was sentenced for drug offences on June 9, 2015.

He was released from prison on licence this year, but he breached his conditions by failing to attend his probation appointments.

He is described as being white, 5ft 11ins tall, with short straight black hair and of a medium build.

Call police on 101 with information about his whereabouts, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Thrown from car

ISLIP: An elderly woman was thrown from her car onto the A34 when she was involved in a crash on Monday afternoon.

Ambulance crews attended the scene of the accident on the southbound carriageway of the A34 between the M40 and the A44 near Islip.

The woman, believed to be in her 60s or 70s, was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, with serious injuries to her head, hip and legs after the crash at about 12.53pm, according to South Central Ambulance Service.

The southbound carriageway of the A34 was closed along with one northbound lane, and junction 9 of the M40.

Company wants to use premises in the town centre

Olympian plans new gym

A GYM franchise owned by a former Olympian could open in Abingdon town centre.

The Fitness Space, owned by 400m relay runner Tim Benjamin, has submitted a planning application to Vale of White Horse District Council for the gym above the TSB in Stert Street.

The health club franchise offers a guided programme, with members being allocated a fitness coach as standard.

The gym also uses a smart

By **Dominic Thomas**

phone app in order for members and their coaches to keep track of their fitness.

Mr Benjamin, who competed in the semi-final of the men's 400m relay at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, said: "We are very different.

"We have developed a concept for people who haven't been to a gym before so might be a little bit put off by that environment."

Franchisee Rajiv Balan, who would run the new gym with his wife Elise, said: "The difference with us is that members can track their fitness and have a coach who will keep track of their results.

"This ensures that people get the results that they want."

Other services to be offered include blood and DNA testing.

The Vale council has set early November as a decision date for the plan.

The company has seven gyms around the country, with more set to open soon, including one in Wantage by next spring.

Talking about the company's venture in the county, Mr Benjamin said: "Oxfordshire supports our business model.

"We tend to go into small market towns with a community feel to it, and we do quite well in those areas.

"It has a good demographic of people for us with disposable income, who want to stay active and healthy, so it's a promising location for us."

• *Tim Benjamin*

Planned limit 'ample'

• *From front page*

because the five days of free mooring is almost unheard of on the Thames.

"I think that if I went down to three days, people would just keep travelling straight through rather than staying and spending money here, as they do. It brings it down to the same level as most other places, so it doesn't really put Abingdon on the map."

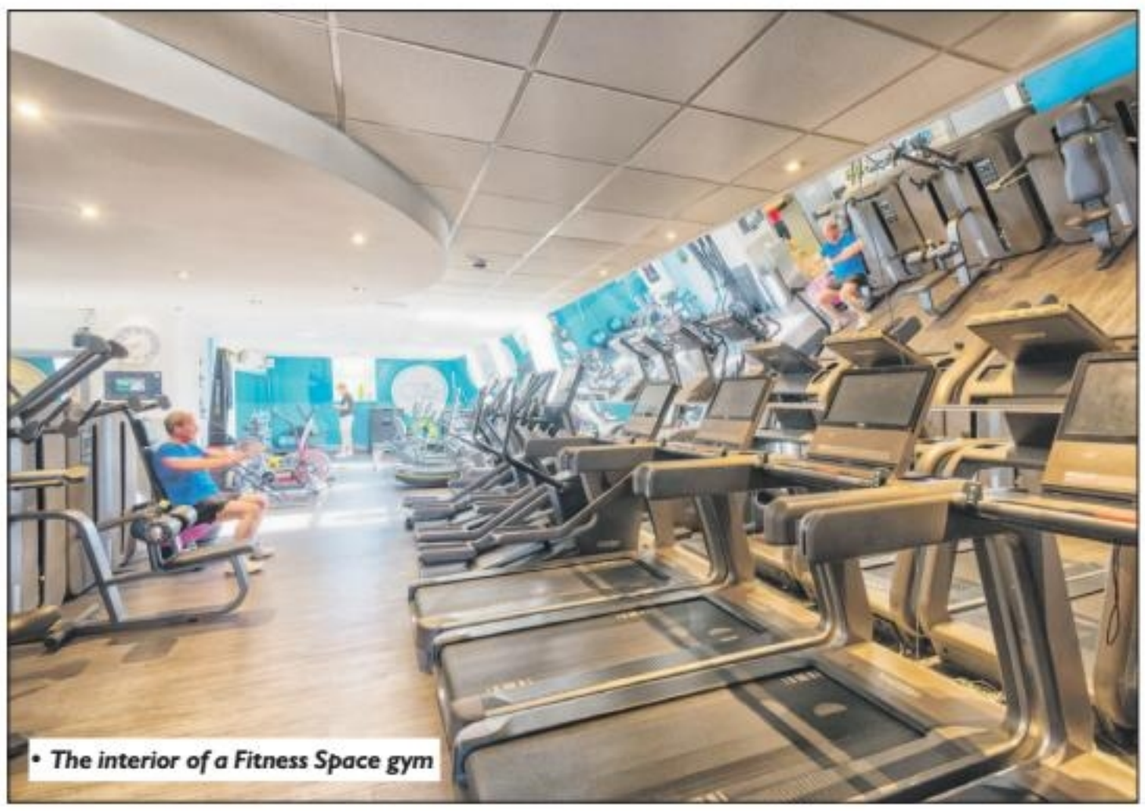
But Cllr Lovatt said: "What we are trying to do is get a reasonable balance and help local people while also attracting tourists.

"I think three days is ample for stopping in the town. The issue with having five days is that people can just park it up go to work and then set off at the weekend and use up space."

Scrutiny committee member Vicky Jenkins said: "I think three days is fine. I've been down there and there's always somebody looking to pull up and find a space, so I think it would be better if we can get more people in."

The proposals before councillors also include imposing a £100 penalty on boats mooring for longer than the three-day limit and providing local residents with the opportunity of moorings at Wilsham Road for £500 a year.

The scrutiny committee will make a recommendation to the Vale's relevant cabinet member, Mike Murray.



• *The interior of a Fitness Space gym*

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MP visits home

ABINGDON: Oxford West and Abingdon MP Nicola Blackwood visited a new specialist dementia care home in Farmoor on Friday to meet carers and residents.

Wytham House, which provides specialist residential and nursing dementia care for up to 40 people, opened in July.

Burglary charges

ABINGDON: A man from Abingdon has been charged with four counts of burglary.

Anthony Martin, 37, of Parsons Mead, Abingdon, was charged in connection with burglaries at properties on Bath Street, Evelin Road, Fieldside and Parsons Mead, Abingdon, between September 8 and 9.

He appeared at Oxford Magistrates Court on September 12 and is due to appear at Oxford Crown Court on October 10.

Film screened

ABINGDON: Local nature documentary maker Stephen de Vere's film, Return to the River, will be screened in Abingdon on Friday, September 30.

It will be screened between 7pm and 9pm at the Peachcroft Christian Centre, Lindsay Drive. Mr de Vere has filmed for The Hunt, Frozen Planet and Yellowstone.

Tickets are £3 and there will be a question-and-answer session with Mr de Vere.

Contact Marjorie White for information on 01235 530174.

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Grammar school proposal rejected by county council

By **Dominic Thomas**

OXFORDSHIRE'S county councillors have voted to reject Government proposals for a return to grammar schools.

A motion put forward by Labour's shadow member for children and families Gill Sanders called for the council to reject the proposals, which were announced last week as part of a consultation.

They were the first council to vote against the idea since the publication of a green paper last week which suggested 'relaxing' current legislation which bans new grammar schools.

• Melinda Tilley was disappointed at the move

The motion to reject the proposals was agreed by councillors at a meeting on Tuesday last week, which saw them vote 37 to 14 in favour of it, with nine abstentions, including Conservative council leader Ian Hudspeth.

The vote followed Conservative cabinet member for children, education and families Melinda Tilley voicing support for the proposals.

She had earlier said that she hoped Oxfordshire would be 'one of the first authorities in line' to set up new grammar schools.

Cllr Sanders, who proposed the motion, said: "It had quite a lot of cross-party support for the motion.

"I had expected that but I'm grateful for the support we had against the proposal.

"The cabinet member came out in favour of the green paper without any consultation with schools, or thinking about the proposal and the impact it would have on Oxfordshire.

"What we're trying to do is to improve all the schools and make sure they all offer the best opportunities."

The motion labelled the proposals an "extremely retrograde step", and called the system of selection for grammar schools "a horrendous process".

Cllr Sanders said: "There's no evidence that grammar schools promote social mobility and they will undoubtedly benefit those who have the money to spend on extra tuition."

Lib Dem councillor Neil Fawcett was also in favour of the motion, saying after the meeting: "There's a reason it's good for a small number of people but as we discussed the evidence shows that it doesn't actually offer the leg-up to working class pupils that it is claimed to."

Cllr Tilley said she was disappointed by the result.

"We don't even know what the Government's proposals are yet and we've already said no to it," she said.

"I was trying to support the Government in what I thought was a good idea and I think the motion was pre-emptive.

"I think we've missed an opportunity."

BBC man thanks hospital

VETERAN BBC broadcaster John Simpson has thanked staff at Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital for saving his life after he suffered a severe allergic reaction.

The BBC's world affairs editor, 72, first revealed his illness last week and took to Twitter to thank the staff.

The foreign correspondent became unwell after routine medication and the symptoms of food poisoning and dehydration caused an allergic reaction.

He was admitted to the hospital's intensive care unit on September 8 after he developed severe kidney problems.

Mr Simpson tweeted on September 12: "Thank heavens for Stuart Mckechnie & the ICU team at the Radcliffe. I'd not have survived, due to a rare & deadly allergic reaction."

The BBC journalist of more than 40 years then responded to a well wisher on Sunday by tweeting: "Back from the brink, thanks to @OUHospitals."

• John Radcliffe Hospital and (inset) John Simpson (picture courtesy of Chatham House)

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• Armando Costa

Thief sentenced

BICESTER: A knife-wielding thief has been jailed for two-and-a-half years for robbing a Bicester newsagent.

Armando Costa, 46, of Priory Road, pleaded guilty to one count of robbery at Oxford Crown Court last Wednesday.

Shortly before 4pm on May 24, Costa entered McColls Newsagent in Market Square before he threatened a member of staff with a knife. He stole money before leaving the store.

Lead theft plea

OXON: Police are appealing for witnesses after the theft of lead from church roofs in Ewelme and Kingston Bagpuize.

Between midnight on September 9 and 11.10am on September 11, lead was taken from a church in Parsons Lane, Ewelme.

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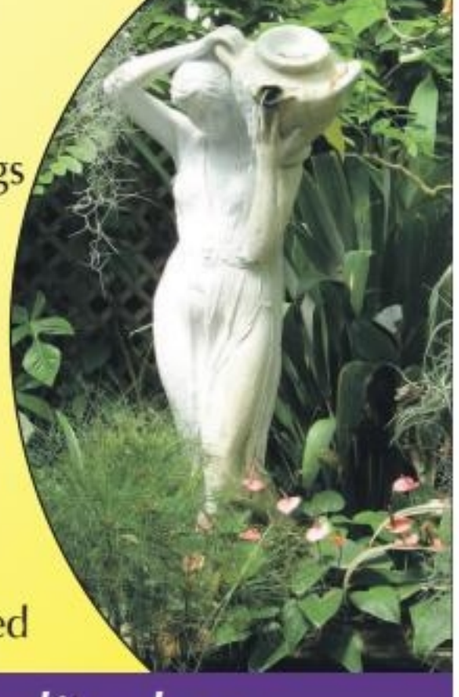

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Hundreds step out on Oxford's Memory Walk

By **George Welch**

ALMOST 1,500 people put on their walking shoes to join the fight against dementia at the Alzheimer's Society's Oxford Memory Walk on Sunday.

The walk was the biggest that the city has ever hosted, with triple the number of walkers compared to last year.

Money raised from the event stands at more than £30,000 – with donations still coming in.

Taking place in Oxford University Parks, walkers had a choice of a 3k or 6k walk.

After an energetic Zumba warm-up, Sue Holderness, the actress best known for her role as Marlene Boyce in TV comedy show Only Fools and Horses, gave a speech to motivate the walkers.

She said: "Most of us today will be remembering their loved ones as we go around this beautiful park.

"Alzheimer's Society does a lot of work to support not only the people living with dementia, but also their carers. Research is going well and we are finding new treatments and new medications all the time, but it's expensive.

"That's why everything you are doing today is so worthwhile."

Catherine Bowen, of Abingdon, did the walk in memory of her mum, Betty, who was diagnosed with vascular dementia in 2008 and passed away in March.

The family is passionate about raising awareness of the wider effects of dementia. They are determined to show people that dementia is not just about memory loss and is not a natural part of ageing.

Their team of 10, called the 'Gomahorns', was named after Betty's made-up word for a silly person.

Almost 8,500 people in Oxfordshire are living with dementia, with over 15 per cent of these based in Oxford. The charity hopes to raise £180,000 from the event, which will help to support their care services, as well as fund ongoing research to ultimately find a cure.

Jess Hillicks, Alzheimer's Society community fundraiser for the south east, said this year's Oxford Memory Walk was "a huge success".

• *The Gomahorns team taking part in the Memory Walk*

Parade for a new bishop

A NEW Bishop of Oxford will be enthroned at Christ Church Cathedral at the end of the month.

The ceremony for Right Reverend Dr Steven Croft will take place on Friday, September 30.

He has already been formally made bishop at a legal ceremony conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury in July.

He will mark the beginning of his ministry with the service at Christ Church, which will follow a procession through the city.

The Diocese of Oxford, which corresponds to the area covered by Thames Valley Police, is one of the largest seats in the Church of England, with 815 churches - more than any other.

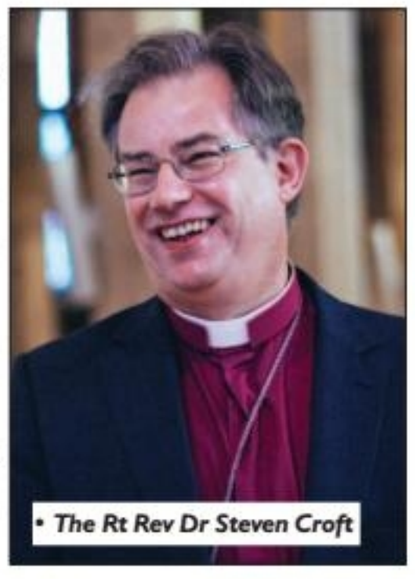
The procession will leave from St Michael-at-the-Northgate Church in Cornmarket at 1.45pm, arriving at the Cathedral by 2.15pm.

Seven hundred guests, including representatives from the University of Oxford and Oxford Brookes, the Oxford Theological Colleges, the judiciary, High Sheriffs and the Lords Lieutenants of each county will attend the ceremony, along with senior clergy from around the world.

Bishop Steven, who has previously served as the Bishop of Sheffield from 2008 to 2016, graduated from Worcester College, Oxford, in 1980.

He said: "I am looking forward very much indeed to the beginning of my public ministry across the Diocese of Oxford.

"I pray that the Church can grow in hope and faith and love in the coming years and continue to be a blessing to God's world in every part of the Thames Valley."


• *The Rt Rev Dr Steven Croft*

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Chimney blaze

GREAT ROLLRIGHT: Firefighters extinguished a chimney fire at a home in Great Rollright on Saturday evening.

Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service was alerted to the blaze at 7pm and sent a fire engine from Banbury fire station.

Concerned neighbours had raised the alarm after seeing flames coming from the home's chimney stack.

Centenary service

OXFORD: A service to mark the centenary of former Prime Minister Harold Wilson's birth will take place at 3pm at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Saturday, October 1.

The public is welcome to attend. No tickets are required for this event, but people are urged to arrive by 2.45pm.

Mr Wilson, who was Prime Minister from 1974 to 1976, was born on March 11, 1916, in Huddersfield, Yorkshire.

Land Rover theft

HENLEY: A Land Rover was stolen in Henley on Wednesday night last week.

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Oxford is ranked as best university in the world

By **George Welch**

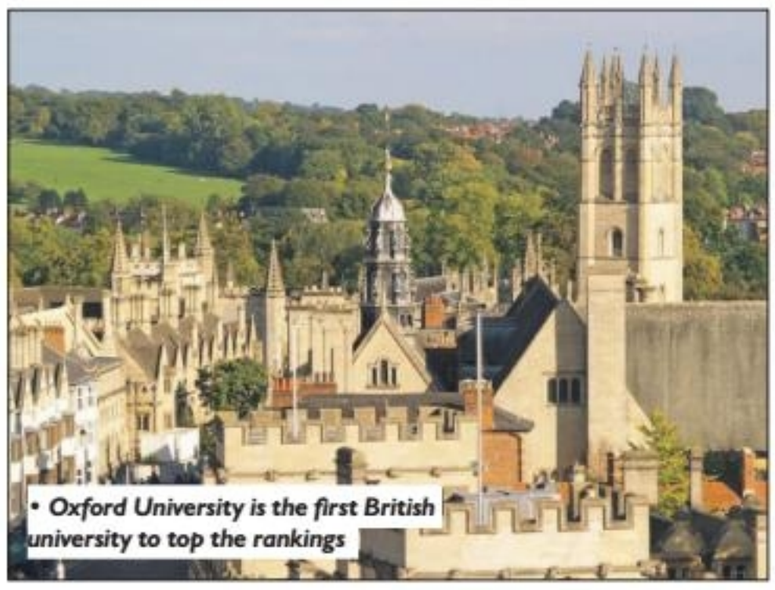
OXFORD University has been ranked the best in the world by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

The rankings, which has been subject to an independent audit by professional services firm PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), puts five-time champion the California Institute of Technology (CalTech) in second place.

Oxford has become the first British university to top the table in its 12-year history.

Oxford moved up from its second-placed finish last year due to an improved performance across the four main indicators of the ranking – teaching, research, influence (citations) and international outlook.

More specifically, Oxford University's total income and research income is rising faster than its staff numbers; its research is more influential; and it has been more successful than others at attracting international talent.



• *Oxford University is the first British university to top the rankings*

But Professor Louise Richardson, vice-chancellor of the University of Oxford, said there are three potential threats to its future success: lack of funding, tighter government regulations and the UK's vote to leave the EU.

She said: "I see the biggest threats as being financial. If our academics cannot secure funding for their research, they will move elsewhere.

"We, frankly, do not have the resources commensurate with our global position."

Alongside Oxford, the University of Cambridge (fourth) and Imperial College London (eighth) also made the top 10.

The UK's historic vote to leave the EU in June is also a worry, with Prof Richardson revealing that it is already impacting on Oxford's ability to conduct research and attract top talent.

She added: "We have innumerable examples of academics being frozen out of collaborative research projects, withdrawing from job searches, and burnishing their CVs with a view to moving to an institution where their funding will be secure. This is the piece that worries me most."

Driver runs to say 'thanks'

AN OXFORD bus driver has run the length of his route to raise money for cancer charity Macmillian in honour of his wife who beat cancer a year ago.

David Kemmett, 44, a Stagecoach Oxfordshire driver on the number 10 route from Horspath Road to the John Radcliffe Hospital, donned his running shoes to mark a year since his wife Christine, 46, had her final operation to clear a cancer.

He ran the 13.7-mile route, which takes him an hour and 50 minutes in the bus, in two hours, 36 minutes on Friday.

• *David and his wife Christine in front of the Number 10 bus*

Mr Kemmett said: "What Macmillan has done for our family is incredible. I wanted to do something to show my appreciation to everyone who helped Christine while she was fighting cancer.

"I hope the money raised will make people aware of the great things Macmillan do and help fund care for other people battling the terrible disease."

Martin Sutton, Stagecoach Oxfordshire's managing director, said: "What David has achieved today is remarkable. We're extremely proud of him.

"David and his family have shown such admirable strength throughout their battle. Here's to a happy and healthy future for them all."

David has so far raised £825 for Macmillan Cancer Support. For more information visit David's Just Giving page justgiving.com/fundraising/davidkemmett.

News Bites

Awards launched

W OXON: The 2017 West Oxfordshire Business Awards (WOBA) were launched last week with the help of former Prime Minister and Witney MP David Cameron.

Entries opened on Friday and will close on December 5. The finalists will be announced on March 1, 2017, and the winners revealed on April 7, 2017.

Charge for hoax

OXFORD: A man has been charged over a bomb hoax in Oxford in August.

Edward McKenna, 56, of Dunnock Way, Oxford was charged on Monday with communicating false information to the police in relation to a bomb hoax at John Radcliffe Hospital on August 7.

He is due to appear at Oxford Magistrates Court on September 26.

Fire at mill

MINSTER LOVELL: Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service was called to a fire at Worsham Mill, Minster Lovell, last weekend.

Four fire appliances from Burford, Witney and Rewley Road, Oxford, attended the scene on Sunday at 5.26am.

The cause of the fire is being investigated but is thought to have been accidental.

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Views sought

W OXON: West Oxfordshire District Council is inviting comments on planned changes to council tax support.

The proposed changes include limiting the number of dependent children within the calculation to a maximum of two, reducing the period a person can be absent from Great Britain and still receive a reduction to four weeks, and reducing backdating for new claims from six months to one.

If agreed, the changes would come into effect from April 2017. The deadline for comments is 5pm on October 28.

Design contest

OXON: Pupils are being encouraged to take part in designing banners for Road Safety Week.

Four- to 11-year-olds are being asked to design a banner for the week, which runs from November 21 to 27.

The contest is organised by school uniform specialist Regional Express Oxfordshire and road safety charity Brake.

Urged to quit

OXON: Smokers in Oxfordshire are being encouraged to take part in this year's Stoptober campaign, which starts on 1 October.

Search 'Stoptober' for further information.

Oxfordshire councils top recycling league

By **George Welch**

TWO Oxfordshire councils have been voted the best local authorities across the country for their level of recycling.

South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) looks set to be ranked top among English authorities for a third consecutive year with a provisional recycling, composting and reuse rate of 66.5 per cent.

And Vale of White Horse District Council came second in the national report with 64.8 per cent.

However, both councils' expected results for the year 2015/16 will see a decrease of 0.8 per cent in their recycling, composting and reuse rate for the previous year.

Last year, SODC reached 67.3 per cent, while the Vale achieved 65.6 per cent.

The findings came as part of website letsrecycle.com's research into local authority recycling rates ahead of official ratification of the figures by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Tony Harbour, cabinet member for waste and recycling at SODC, said: "We're very pleased that Let's Recycle have placed us top of their league table again.

"However, this year, we are finding an increase in the amount of contamination that's ending up in people's recycling bins."

Of the top-10 recycling authorities, only sixth-placed Stratford-on-Avon will see an increase in recycling rates, and that is only by 0.1 per cent.

• *Tony Harbour*

Commenting on the survey, resources minister Thérèse Coffey said the figures provided evidence of what can be achieved by local authorities.

Dr Coffey said: "We have made tremendous progress in boosting our recycling rate, from around 11 per cent in 2000 to nearly 45 per cent in 2014 but we know we can do even better."

As a result of increased contamination, both councils are to only empty green wheelie bins if the recycling in them is loose or in clear sacks.

Residents will be notified throughout October and notes will be left on any bins with the wrong colour sack in it to explain the problem.

Rank	Local authority	2014/15 rates	*2015/16 rates	Total increase/decrease
1	South Oxfordshire	67.3%	66.5%	-0.8%
2	Vale of White Horse	65.6%	64.8%	-0.8%
3	Rochford	65.2%	64.3%	-0.9%
4	Surrey Heath	63.3%	61.8%	-1.5%
5	Trafford MBC	61.9%	60.4%	-1.5%
6	Stratford-on-Avon	60.3%	60.4%	0.1%
7	Three Rivers	63.2%	59.4%	-3.8%
8	South Northamptonshire	59.9%	59.0%	-0.9%
9	Stockport MBC	60.7%	58.9%	-1.8%
10	North Somerset	60.1%	58.6%	-1.5%

• *Provisional recycling rankings from letsrecycle.com*

Inquest opens into death of three workers

THE opening of an inquest into the death of three workers at Didcot Power Station whose bodies were recovered in recent weeks heard they died of multiple injuries.

Coroner Darren Salter read out post-mortem reports for Christopher Huxtable, Kenneth Cresswell and John Shaw at Oxford Coroner's Court on Thursday. A date for the full inquest is yet to be set.

The men and a fourth worker, 53-year-old Mick Collings, died in the collapse of the boilerhouse on February 23.

The inquest heard the body of Mr Huxtable, 34, the first to be discovered on August 31, was identified by fingerprint analysis.

Mr Cresswell, 57, whose body was recovered on September 7, was identified using dental records.

And Mr Shaw, 61, who was recovered on September 11, was identified by his tattoos, mobile phone, jewellery and clothes.

The coroner said he was unable to set a date for the full inquest for the three men and Mr Collings until a police and HSE investigation had been concluded.

However, he listed the cases for review at the beginning of November.

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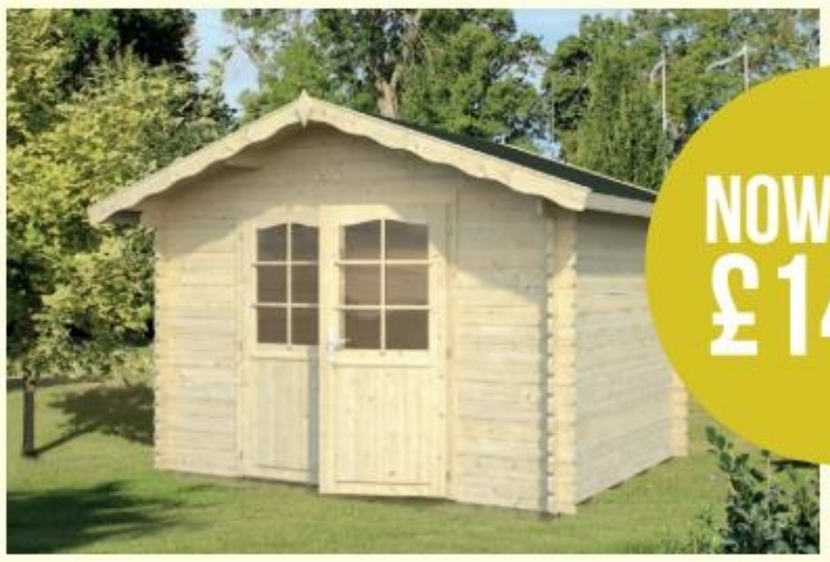

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Downpour sparks flooding chaos around Didcot

By **George Welch**

OVERNIGHT flash flooding in Didcot caused major disruption for commuters last week.

Heavy showers and storms saturated parts of southern Oxfordshire on Thursday night, particularly hitting the town.

Firefighters were called out to deal with flooding in Didcot and Wallingford, as well as in several villages.

The flash flooding caused cancellations and delays at Didcot Parkway, as well as on the roads.

The town's Stephen Freeman Primary School, Manor Junior School and All Saints Primary School all closed for the day.

A statement on Great Western Rail's website on Friday morning said: "Flooding at Didcot Parkway has resulted in the station being inaccessible to customers travelling towards Oxford and Reading/London Paddington.

"The platform towards Swindon, Bristol and South Wales is open. Customers travelling from Didcot towards London are to travel to Swindon and then back toward Reading/London Paddington."

Group manager Gary Coupar of Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue said: "We've had to deal with a number of instances of cars becoming stranded as a result of trying to drive through floodwater."

The fire crews pumped out water from Didcot Parkway, which was closed all morning while bus replacement services ran from the short-stay car park.

Hitchcock Way was closed due to the flooding between the Orchard Centre traffic lights and Didcot Parkway.

The flooding also hit the maternity unit at Wallingford Community Hospital, which was inundated with water.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service also helped with flooding incidents in Cholsey, East Hagbourne, South Stoke and Goring.

It said: "It's been a long night for our Oxfordshire firefighters who have dealt with a spate of flooding related calls since 4am."

According to the Environment Agency, Benson experienced 40.6mm of rain in three hours.

• Fire crews pump water out of Didcot Parkway (photo by Didcot Railway Centre/@DidcotRailwayC)

• Didcot Parkway's ticket office (photo by Kev O'Neill/@kon32UK)

• The passageway between the platforms at Didcot Parkway (photo by Kev O'Neill/@kon32UK)

• Bridge Close in Didcot under water (photo by @dubiousdoris

• Flooding in Cholsey

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Call for reprieve for water tower

By **Samantha McGregor**

A PETITION to stop a water tower at a former US Air Force base being demolished is gathering support from across the globe.

Sharon Keen started the online petition calling on Bovis Homes and Cherwell District Council to "enter into discussions so as to find alternatives to the proposed demolition of this iconic Water Tower".

So far, almost 5,300 people have signed up in support, with some from as far away as Quebec in Canada, the Philippines, Croatia, British Columbia, Poland, Germany, South Africa, Brazil and many from across America.

In its heyday the former base was home to thousands of American air force personnel and their families.

It was vacated by the US in the 1990s and the North Oxfordshire Consortium acquired the site for development.

However, after a decade of wrangling with Cherwell District Council over the future of the site, the former base was acquired by current owner the Dorchester Group, and housing plans were eventually given the green light.

Sharon Keen's petition said the water tower was within a conservation area and used by birds and bats.

She said: "The Water Tower is of local Historic value in Oxfordshire and it can be seen for miles around. It was built in the 1950s when the site was a USAF/RAF military base.

"There are many ways in which this iconic tower could be put to use: a viewing platform, nest site, a vintage aeroplane depicting its importance during and after the war and cold war, stargazing as there is minimal light pollution, and a safe haven for wildlife.

"Please sign the petition to save Oxford Water Tower - if enough people sign, Cherwell District Council might say 'no' to Bovis Homes demolishing the tower."

Planning authority Cherwell District Council said there were four water towers at the site – three metal and one concrete – and none were listed or designated as scheduled monuments.

Planning permission to demolish all four to make way for housing was approved in 2010 – one has already been knocked down.

Dorchester Group were unavailable to comment.

• A petition to save a water tower at a former US Air Force base is gaining momentum

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£1,200 raised

N OXON: More than £1,200 has been raised for a charity that helps people in need.

Banbury and District Samaritans have been presented with £1278.35 – money raised at a quiz night in Banbury Town Hall and at a Street Organ Festival on September 2 and 3 respectively.

Boy robbed of bike

BICESTER: A 16-year-old boy was robbed at knifepoint on the playing fields behind Bicester Leisure Centre.

At about 10pm on Thursday, September 8, the boy was approached by a man who threatened him with a knife and then stole his red and black specialised P1 mountain bike, which has chunky tyres and black central hubs, and a black Nike rucksack.

The man is described as black, of a slim build, around 6ft tall and was wearing a black hooded top.

Call 101 with information.

Social media boost

THAME: Social media champions are set to boost the profile of Thame as part of a new campaign.

Local business people were given training as part of the Great British High Street competition, which Thame has entered in the small market town category.

Over the coming weeks the champions will be out and about in the high street urging businesses to post to social media sites using the '#Thame' and '#GBHighSt' hashtags.

Support for more defibrillators

BICESTER'S mayor Jolanta Lis is getting behind a campaign to provide life-saving defibrillators at spots across the town.

The move comes after South Central Ambulance's (SCAS) divisional commander led a successful campaign to get defibrillators installed at prominent sites across Oxfordshire.

Although there are defibrillators at the community hospital and Bicester Health Centre, there are no registered publicly accessible defibrillators in Bicester.

South Central Ambulance Service has previously said within the South Central region, SCAS attends on average five patients every day who are either in cardiac arrest or suffering a heart attack.

For every minute that passes without CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation or chest compressions) and defibrillation starting on a person in cardiac arrest, their chances of survival reduce by 10 per cent.

A defibrillator is used to essentially give a high energy electric shock to someone who is having a cardiac arrest, and may save their life.

Bicester Methodist Church trustees want to install one at the church in Sheep Street and are trying to raise the £2,000 needed to install it.

And Cllr Lis is backing the appeal, and has asked fellow councillors to join in and make a contribution.

Earlier this month Bicester Town Council approved a £600 grant towards the appeal.

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One-in-a-million plea for donor to save ill toddler

TIME is running out to find a compatible donor for an Oxford baby needing a one-in-a-million match to survive.

Andrew and Judy Kim's son Alastair, known as Ally, who will be two at the end of September, was diagnosed with Chronic Granulomatous Disorder (CGD) in February.

CGD is a life-threatening condition that prevents the immune system from functioning properly and, as a result, his body is unable to fight off infections.

Ally, who has spent a third of his life in hospital, needs a stem cell donor of East Asian descent to save his life.

By **George Welch**

The tot is in London's Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital undergoing experimental treatment, but his best hope is a stem cell transplant from an unrelated donor, which would replace his faulty immune system with a healthy one.

Mr and Mrs Kim, who live near Kingston Bagpuize in Hinton Waldrist, are of Korean descent, meaning Ally's best chance of survival is an anonymous donor of Korean or East Asian heritage.

The family is urging people from East Asian backgrounds to join the Anthony Nolan register to see if they could be a match.

Mr Kim, 36, a research engineer in the medical field, said: "He has been in hospital the longest of anyone on his ward now, and doctors have put him at the top of the list for a transplant – but first he needs a match.

"The doctors wanted him to get stronger before having a transplant but his condition has been getting worse, so now he needs one as urgently as possible."

Unfortunately, because the parents are both of Korean descent, the pool of potential donors in the UK is minuscule.

Of the 617,000 registered donors in the UK, just 0.5 per cent are East Asian.

Urging people to register, Mr Kim said: "Ten seconds of your life could save his life."

To find out more, visit anthonynolan.org.

• Andrew and Judy Kim are seeking a donor for their son Ally (inset)

MPs campaign on A34 safety

OXFORDSHIRE leaders have started working towards changes to the A34 after pressure from the public following several recent fatal collisions on the road.

On Thursday, Wantage MP Ed Vaizey secured a meeting of Oxfordshire MPs and the minister for highways in order to discuss improvements.

It followed his meeting with Oxford West and Abingdon MP Nicola Blackwood and Newbury MP Richard Benyon after two fatal accidents in August.

Three-year-old Isla Wiggins died after a pile-up near Hinksey Hill on August 25, two weeks after an accident in which a mother and three children were killed in a crash near East Ilsley on August 10.

Speaking at the Department for Transport questions on Thursday, he said: "The A34 is one of the most important roads for our economy taking as it does freight from the south coast through to the Midlands. It is becoming increasingly dangerous, two recent crashes caused fatalities."

In response, minister John Hayes said: "I am familiar with that road, he will know it is a scheme which has had a number of suggestions made for its improvement.

"I am always delighted to speak to him about any matter before this house, including the one he has raised today."

• Ed Vaizey speaking in Parliament

Last week, Oxfordshire County Council unanimously supported a motion by councillor Stewart Lilly for the council's leader to write to transport minister Chris Grayling MP to create a strategy and budget for road improvements.

News Bites

Library appeal

OXON: Oxfordshire County Council is calling for volunteers to deliver books to people unable to get to libraries.

The volunteers would organise drop-off times with the people they deliver to and would be paid expenses.

Workers strike

OXON: Postal workers in Oxford and Banbury joined national strikes on Thursday to protest about cuts to jobs, services and pensions.

The strikes were instigated by the Communication Workers Union and Unite, which supports Post Office managers.

About 11,000 of the country's post offices were affected by the one-day strike over fears of up to 1,700 redundancies.

Survey result

OXON: Ninety per cent of adults using social care services in Oxfordshire are satisfied, according to an NHS survey.

It found 67 per cent were extremely or very satisfied - above the national average of 64. Oxfordshire County Council came sixth out of 152 local authorities for providing adult social care services.

It was one of a quarter of England's councils to pass Ofsted's new inspection test for children's social services.

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Fire safety

OXON: Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging people to get their chimneys swept ahead of winter.

As part of the national Fire Kills campaign, Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service is advising householders to get the job done by a registered chimney sweep.

Urged to run

KIDLINGTON: Walkers, joggers and runners are being urged to take part in the Kidlington Fun Run to raise money for charity.

It is being organised by local charity Daybreak which provides care to people who have dementia and support to the family who care for them.

Taking place on Sunday, September 25, at 3pm at the Stratfield Brake Sports Ground, it has 1km and a 5km races.

Visit kidlingtonfunrun.co.uk, contact Laura at Daybreak on 07729 100553 or email fundraising@daybreak-oxford.org.uk.

Ex-PM's praise

OXON: Former Prime Minister and Witney MP David Cameron has praised the "grit and determination" of hundreds of young people in Oxfordshire who have completed Oxfordshire County Council's National Citizen Service scheme.

Hospitals receive £127m funding to help research

By **George Welch**

OXFORD'S top hospitals are set to receive a £127m boost from the Government to make world-first medical breakthroughs.

Health secretary Jeremy Hunt announced the record package of research funding last week.

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, working with Oxford University, will get £114m to carry out a wide range of research including vaccines and obesity.

And it will receive £13m to research mental health and dementia.

As a result of the last round of funding, Oxford doctors and scientists developed a new way to scan patients for early onset Parkinson's Disease using state-of-the-art MRI scanners.

Mental health, dementia and antimicrobial resistance will be among the research projects supported by a record £816m investment in NHS research from 2017 to 2022.

Stuart Bell, Oxford Health's chief executive, said: "We're thrilled to host this new NIHR Biomedical Research Centre dedicated to mental health.

"This award recognises Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust and the close partnership with the University of Oxford.

"Together we will be developing close partnerships with others to bring better treatments to the NHS."

The trust's chief executive Dr Bruno Holthof said: "This continued support for the NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre is a testament to the close working between the Trust, the University of Oxford and industry to bring innovation in research to the patient bedside."

Twenty NHS and University partnerships across England have each been awarded funding through the National Institute for Health Research.

• John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford

Ambulance service is 'good'

OXFORDSHIRE'S Ambulance services trust has been rated 'good' by the government watchdog, despite missing its response-time targets.

South Central Ambulance Service, which serves Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire, is the first ambulance trust in England to be given the rating by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

It was rated 'good' in four out of five areas, and rated 'requires improvement' for its effectiveness.

Chief Executive of South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, Will Hancock, said: "I am delighted to report that our service has been rated as 'good' overall.

"I would like to thank our caring and professional staff for their hard work and dedication."

The Commission inspected all of the Trust's services, visiting 20 ambulance stations, air ambulance sites, clinical co-ordination centres and 10 acute hospitals.

They observed thirteen emergency ambulances crews, seven non-emergency patient transport crews and spoke to around 350 members of staff across the trust.

It also reported that response targets for 999 emergency services for patients with life threatening or urgent conditions were not being met.

It said: "The trust had an improvement plan in place."

• South Central Ambulance Service has achieved a 'good' rating

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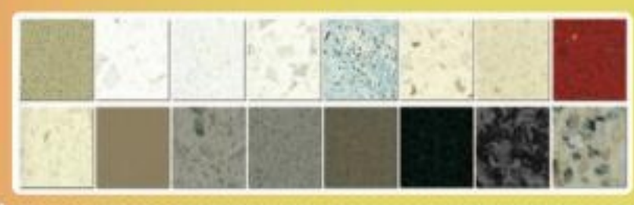

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Plans progress for 'men's shed'

By **Samantha McGregor**

A HOLIDAY down under led to an invitation to join a 'men's shed', and now one resident is hoping the idea may take off in Thame.

Mike Ashford wants to create a place for people to meet to undertake projects, learn new skills and make new friends.

He has rallied support from Thame town councillors and next month hopes to get more people on board with the idea at a drop-in session at Thame Town Hall on Saturday, October 1, at 10am.

Mr Ashford said: "Thame has a great deal to offer but most of the activities are either sporting or cerebral.

"A Thame shed would enhance what is already available by providing a base to engage in practical activity, particularly for those who do not work, cannot work or have retired.

"Most men need a shed, but for some this can be a lonely pursuit pottering away at the end of the garden.

"Suppose that you had a bigger shed, better equipped, where you could indulge your ideas, undertake other projects, learn new skills, share your own skills and make new friends; where you could create, make, mend and refurbish to your heart's content whilst watching, or helping, others to do the same; and where the kettle is always on."

Men's sheds are now well established in Australia, and there are similar places closer to home in Bicester, Aylesbury and High Wycombe – and they are not restricted to just men.

The Bicester men's shed, called Bicester Green, was set up to divert items from landfill.

Basically instead of taking broken items to the dump, people can drop them into the workshop, in Station Approach, and members fix up and sell the items, including bicycles, to pay for the running costs.

Bicester Green also run a bike loan scheme.

Mr Ashford said he was exploring a number of locations to base the Thame 'men's shed' and if he gets the town's backing will look to form a charitable organisation to enable the group to apply for grants.

Anyone who is interested should drop into the meeting on October 1, or email Mr Ashford on thameshed@gmail.com.

• *Thame resident Mike Ashford is hoping to set up a space in the town for people to learn new skills*

News Bites

Bicester blitz

BICESTER: The town's streets have had an extra clean this week as part of a blitz by Cherwell District Council.

Residents in some parts of the town can take advantage of a free bulky waste collection service and a chance to buy reduced price recycling bins.

Council workers concentrated on removing graffiti and clearing fly-tipped waste, while Bicester Green Gym spruced up Pingle Field.

Bingo success

THAME: A bingo night hosted by Thame's mayor Linda Emery has raised £680.

The event, held at Thame Snooker Club on Friday, September 9, attracted about 70 players.

The cash will go towards the mayor's charities.

Award finalist

N OXON: Bicester-based garden nursery firm Nicholsons has made it to the final eight of the National BALI, British Association of Landscape Industries, Employer Excellence Awards.

Employers were judged on a list of criteria including contribution made to the landscaping industry as well as investment in staff to help drive business growth.

Director Liz Nicholson said "Business starts and ends with people – we have grown a fabulous team."

The winner in the category will be announced in December.

Car park demolition underway

THE first external pillars of a Banbury multi-storey car park have been removed after the structure was declared unsafe.

Contractors Armac Group were appointed last month to demolish the Bolton Road car park after it was closed in June following an independent inspection which raised "significant structural concerns".

Last weekend the west tower, which is closest to Bolton Road, was dismantled.

George Reynolds, Cherwell District Council's deputy leader, said: "Due to the car park's size and structural issues, this is not a straightforward demolition where we can simply bring it all down at once.

"We need to be mindful of the concerns raised through the inspection, the risks involved with demolishing such a large structure and remain considerate of the residents and businesses neighbouring the site.

"As such the contractors will be demolishing the car park bit by bit, starting with the external concrete fins.

"The overall demolition will be a long process lasting several weeks, but by taking the time to do it right, we hope to have this work completed and a surface level car park available to use in the run up to Christmas."

This week work has taken place to demolish the main car park, starting from the edges and working towards the centre.

Specialist equipment including a hydraulic pulveriser and excavator will be used throughout the project.

The demolition work is expected to be completed by early December to enable a temporary surface level car park, of about 145 spaces, to be open in time for Christmas.

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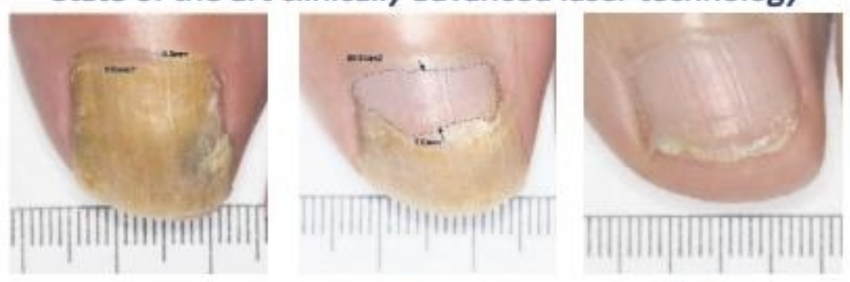

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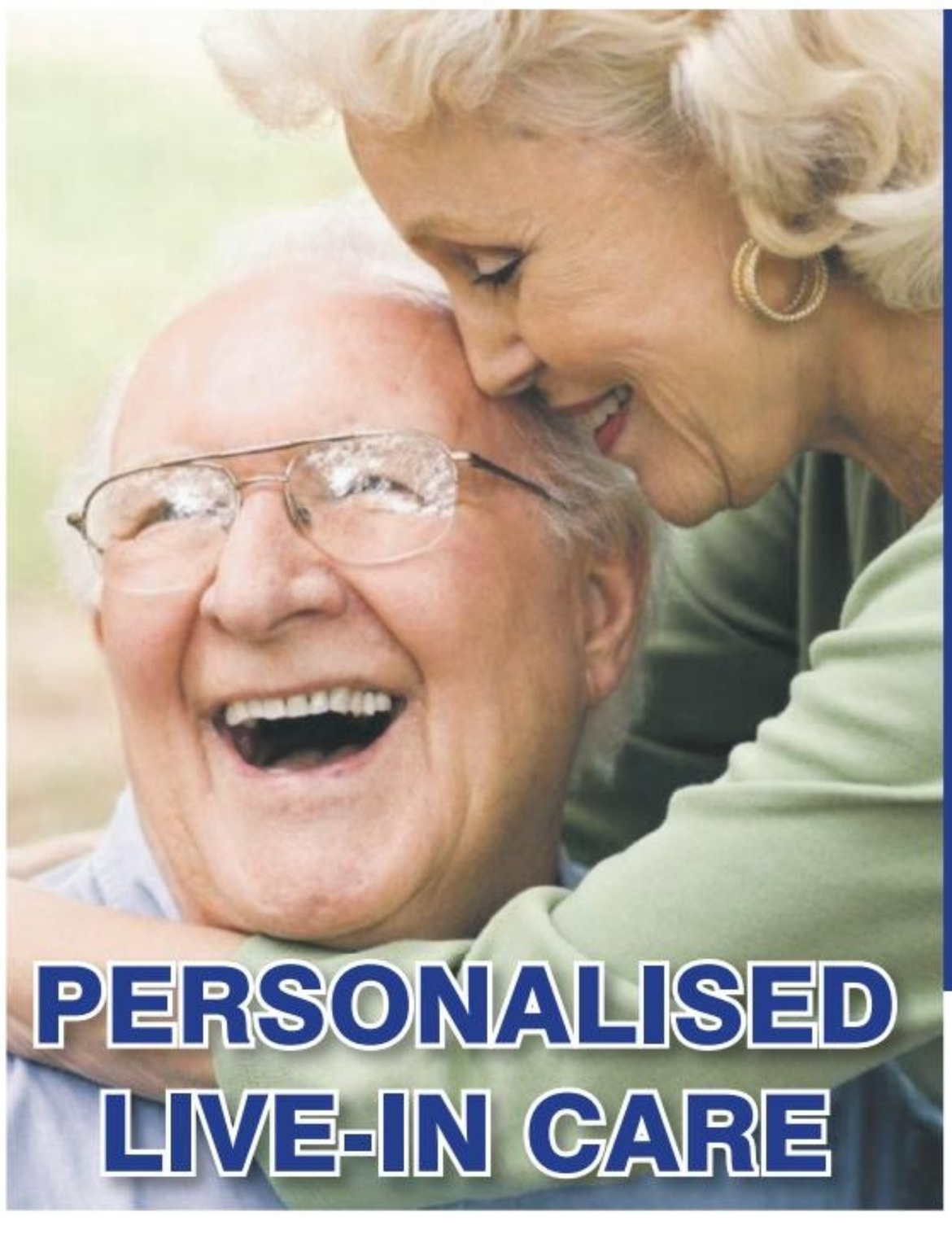

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8 Metal cap (7)
9 Risky (6)
10 Gifts (9)
11 Pledge (4)
13 Braid of hair (5)
14 Ill-treated (7)
16 Usefulness (7)
18 Chatter (5)
19 A Roman Emperor (4)
21 Auspicious (9)
22 Attack (6)
23 Unfold (7)
24 Less difficult (6)

Quick Clues Down

1 Low-necked (9)
2 Well-protected burrowing animal (9)
3 Killed (5)
5 Footed vases (4)
6 Quarrel (6)
7 Smoothed (6)
9 Up to (5)
11 Firearms smuggler (3,6)
12 Period of carrying in womb (9)
15 Backless seat (5)
16 Not constructed (6)
17 Flags (6)
20 War-horse (5)
21 Penalty (4)

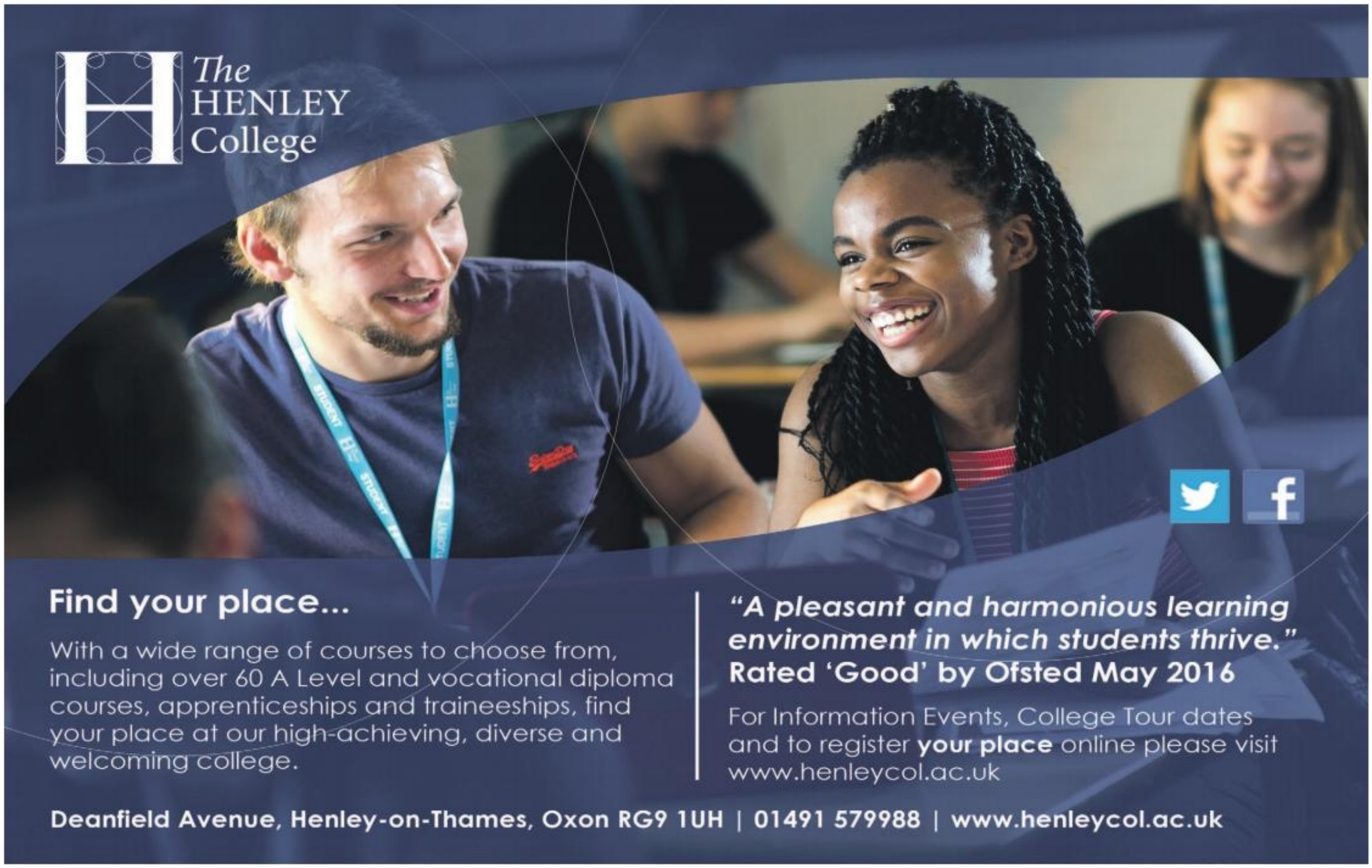
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

4 Several frogmen (6)
8 Meeting Constance with diplomacy (7)
9 Reverend gentleman breaks the circle (6)
10 Man with loads of work (9)
11 Gain a point? It's intoxicating (4)
13 Stays for the postscript (5)
14 Father, in tatters, an example to us all (7)
16 Two-by-two in close-up (7)
18 Inscribed in memory, by the sound of it (5)
19 Bird heard to make money (4)
21 Plagued to be leased round the beginning of May (9)
22 Wash all I have on (6)
23 Asleep? Right, before it's about and cancels everything (7)
24 It's nonsense about the lair of the animal (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Later Bill has one alternative (9)
2 Kind of hat to wear on the range? (5-4)
3 Helps out many, but they're sour (5)
5 Out of work but makes a comeback in welding (4)
6 Toupee slipped sideways. What a pest! (6)
7 In this way a range of knowledge can cause weakness (6)
9 Stuff round either end of the eye for the best part (5)
11 Justified when conflict raged (9)
12 Direction not taken either by the railway (9)
15 Soundly attacked wrong-doer (5)
16 Vendor, we hear, might store 11 across (6)
17 Joined in duet (6)
20 Remains of fire for the closing months of the year (5)
21 This urban district won't change (4)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Quick Crossword

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Cryptic Crossword

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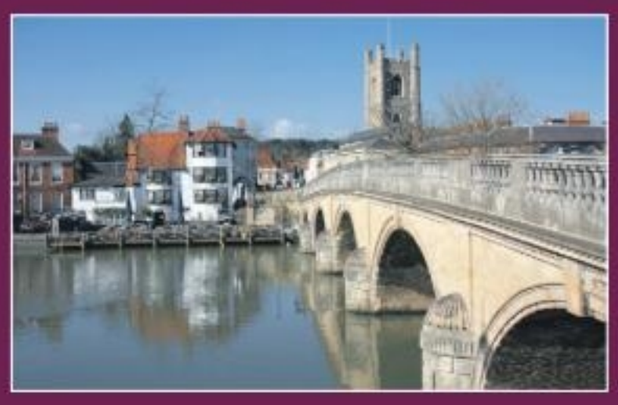

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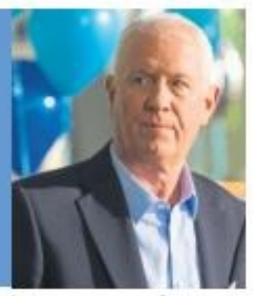
Saturday September 24th

BBC1



Casualty, 8.50pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts** (S)(R) **12.00 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Live PDC Darts Champions League** (S) **4.30 Final Score** (S) **5.20 BBC News** (S) **5.30 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **5.40 Pointless Celebrities** (S) **6.30 Strictly Come Dancing** The second part of the pro-celebrity dance contest's opening weekend. (S)

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8.00 The National Lottery: Five Star Family Reunion (S)
8.50 Casualty Charlie fights back against a bully while attending a school reunion. (S)

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9.40 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes tries to persuade the health visitor Grandad is in need of respite care. (S)(R)

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10.10 BBC News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Arsenal v Chelsea; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

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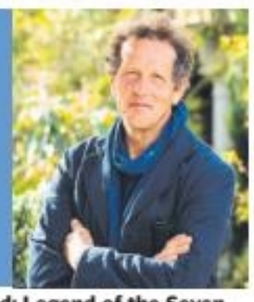
AFTER 12

12.00 The NFL Show (S) **12.30** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.35** BBC News (S)

BBC2



Gardeners' World, 5pm

7.40 FILM Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas (2003) (U) (S) **9.00 Lost Land of the Volcano** (S)(R) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 BBC News Special: Labour Leadership Result** (S) **1.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.30 Great British Menu** (S) **3.00 The Hairy Bikers' Chicken and Egg** (S)(R) **4.00 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice** (S)(R) **4.30 Live PDC Darts Champions League** (S) **5.00 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **6.00 Dad's Army** (S)(R) **6.30 Live PDC Darts Champions League** (S)

10.30 Elton John Live at Hyde Park The singer performs a concert to a crowd of 50,000 fans for Radio 2's Festival in a Day event, featuring old favourites and songs from his recent album. (S)(R)

11.30 FILM Telstar: The Joe Meek Story (2008) (15) Biopic of the record producer, starring Con O'Neill. (S)

1.25 FILM Leaving (2009) (15) Drama, starring Kristin Scott Thomas. (S) **2.45** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

The X Factor, 8pm

6.00 CITV 7.25 Scrambled! 9.25 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **11.20 FILM Columbo: Fade in to Murder (1976) (PG)** (S) **12.50 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.55 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **1.55 All Star Family Fortunes** (S)(R) **2.40 Pick Me!** (S)(R) **3.40 The X Factor** (S)(R) **5.10 Ninja Warrior UK** (S)(R) **6.05 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.15 ITV News** (S) **6.30 You've Been Framed!** (S)(R)

7.00 Go for It Members of the public are given a chance to demonstrate their most unusual skills in unique challenges. (S)

8.00 The X Factor The contestants face their first-ever performances in front of a live audience, in the first of two Six Chair Challenges. (S)

9.30 Newzoids Satirical puppet sketch show. (S)

10.00 The Jonathan Ross Show The host is joined in the studio by Jamie Dornan, Rob Beckett, Davina McCall and the teenage stars of Netflix's Stranger Things. (S)

11.05 ITV News; Weather (S)
11.20 FILM Beowulf (2007) (12) Motion-capture animated fantasy, with Ray Winstone and Anthony Hopkins. (S)

1.10 Jackpot247 3.00 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke, 5.35pm

6.15 Gillette World Sport (S) **6.40 Motor Sport: GT Academy** (S) **7.05 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **7.55 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.00 The Morning Line** (S) **10.00 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **11.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.00 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **1.00 Gok's Fill Your House for Free** (S) **2.00 Channel 4 Racing** (S) **4.30 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun** (S) **5.35 Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke** (S)(R) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Grand Designs Kevin McCloud follows a couple as they transform a neglected half-acre site in Gloucestershire. (S)(R)

8.00 Walking Through Time New series. Dr Tori Herridge investigates the ancient forces that shaped the British landscape. (S)

9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown New series. Jimmy Carr hosts the hybrid comedy panel quiz show. (S)

10.00 FILM Knight and Day (2010) (12) Comedy adventure, starring Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz. (S)

11.30 Criminals: Caught on Camera The use of CCTV to fight crime. (S)(R)

12.10 FILM Case 39 (2009) (15) Premiere. Horror, starring Renee Zellweger. (S) **2.10** Hollyoaks (S)(R) **4.20** Food Unwrapped (S)(R) **4.50** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R) **5.45** Triathlon: Long Course Weekend (S)

Channel 5

Football on 5: The Championship, 9pm

6.00 Milkshake! 8.25 The Fairly OddParents Poof becomes unwell, and Timmy tries to make Trixie fall in love with him. (S) **9.00 The Saturday Show Live** With guests Sophie Ellis-Bextor and Patrick Robinson. (S) **11.00 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords** (S)(R) **2.00 P olice Interceptors** (S)(R) **5.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)(R) **6.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** S)(R)

7.05 NCIS: Los Angeles A lieutenant commander's death arouses suspicion. (S)(R)
7.55 NCIS The agents are investigated by the FBI. (S)(R)

8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games, including Aston Villa v Newcastle United. (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush Goals from the weekend's games. (S)
10.30 The Cars That Made Britain Great Martin Kemp and Jon Culshaw extol the virtues of the Ford Cortina. (S)(R)

12.00 SuperCasino 3.10 BAMMA 26 (S) **4.50** Divine Designs (S)(R) **5.15** Nick's Quest (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Emmerdale **8.35** Coronation Street **11.10** The X Factor **12.40** The Xtra Factor Live **1.40** Ninja Warrior UK **2.40** You've Been Framed! Gold **3.15** FILM: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) (U) Comedy sequel, starring Charles Grodin. **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20** FILM: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) (U) Concluded. **5.00** FILM: St Trinian's (2007) (12) Comedy, starring Rupert Everett. **6.00** FYI Daily **6.05** FILM: St Trinian's (2007) (12) Concluded. **6.55** FILM: The Mummy Returns (2001) (PG) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Brendan Fraser. **7.55** FYI Daily **8.00** FILM: The Mummy Returns (2001) (PG) Concluded. **9.30** The Xtra Factor Live **10.30** Celebrity Juice **11.20** Family Guy **12.40** American Dad! **1.40** The Cleveland Show **2.05** Mom **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Doctor at Large **6.25** Judge Judy **6.45** Where the Heart Is **8.55** FILM: Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey (1993) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and William Shatner. **10.55** Rosemary & Thyme **11.55** FILM: Carry On Cowboy (1966) (U) Comedy Western, starring Sid James. **12.55** FYI Daily **1.00** FILM: Carry On Cowboy (1966) (U) **1.55** Foyle's War **3.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.00** Midsomer Murders **7.55** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis **1.00** You're Only Young Twice **1.50** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Keith Richards' Lost Weekend **8.00** Johnny Cash: The Man, His World, His Music **8.55** Keith Richards' Lost Weekend **9.15** FILM: London – The Modern Babylon (2012) (15) Julien Temple's film exploring London's history. **11.20** Keith Richards' Lost Weekend **12.15** FILM: Bicycle Thieves (1948) (U) **2.05** Keith Richards' Lost Weekend **2.20** FILM: I Walked with a Zombie (1943) (PG) **3.25** Keith Richards' Lost Weekend **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **7.05** The Mindy Project **8.00** Coach Trip: Road to Ibiza **10.35** Animals Unleashed **11.35** How I Met Your Mother **12.30** Melissa & Joey **1.30** Baby Daddy **2.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.30** The Goldbergs **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Die Hard (1988) (18) Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis. **11.40** FILM: Under Siege 2: Dark Territory (1995) (18) Action adventure sequel, starring Steven Seagal. **1.45** Gogglebox **2.45** Empire **4.15** Rude(ish) Tube **4.40** Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free **9.25** My Floating Home **10.20** Sarah Beeny's Four Rooms **11.25** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **1.30** Four in a Bed **4.10** Come Dine with Me **6.55** Location, Location, Location **8.00** Grand Designs **9.00** Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages **10.00** It Was Alright in the 1970s **11.10** Father Ted **12.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** It Was Alright in the 1970s **2.25** 8 Out of 10 Cats: Jimmy, Sean and Jon's Best Bits **2.55** 8 Out of 10 Cats: Best Bits **3.20** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Step Up 4: Miami Heat (2012) (12) Dance drama sequel, starring Kathryn McCormick. **1.00** Dear John (2010) (12) Romantic drama, with Channing Tatum and Amanda Seyfried. **3.05** Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011) (PG) Family adventure, starring Jessica Alba. **4.50** The Addams Family (1991) (PG) Black comedy, starring Anjelica Huston. **6.55** Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (2013) (PG) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Logan Lerman. **9.00** Prometheus (2012) (15) Sci-fi thriller, starring Noomi Rapace. **11.25** Monsters (2010) (12) Sci-fi drama, with Whitney Able and Scoot McNairy. **1.15** Troll Hunter (2010) (15) **3.30** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Trawlermen **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Storage Hunters **11.00** Deadliest Pests Down Under **12.00** Top Gear **1.00** American Pickers **5.00** Top Gear **6.00** Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit **7.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **9.00** QI Christmas XL **10.00** Red Dwarf **10.40** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **11.40** Russell Howard's Good News **12.20** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **2.15** QI Christmas XL **3.05** Red Dwarf **3.35** 8 Out of 10 Cats **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Pie in the Sky **11.00** Sharpe **1.05** The Last Detective **4.00** Pie in the Sky **7.00** Father Brown **8.00** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Shetland **11.40** Waking the Dead **2.05** The Last Detective **3.20** Garden Hopping **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Premier League World **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Futurama **2.30** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** Mount Pleasant **10.00** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life **11.00** A League of Their Own **12.00** Freddie Fries Again **1.00** The Last Ship **2.00** Stop, Search, Seize **3.00** Nothing to Declare **4.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The Petrol Age **7.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **8.00** Without a Trace **11.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **12.00** Cold Case **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.20** FILM: Scientology: Going Clear. The Prison of Belief (2015) (15) Documentary exploring the history and actions of the Church of Scientology's leaders. **1.35** The Sopranos **2.45** Cold Case **3.40** Entourage **4.10** The Petrol Age **5.05** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

W SKY: 109

6.00 Doctor Who **6.50** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.50** Traffic Cops **8.25** The Bill **1.30** EastEnders **4.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **5.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.00** Outnumbered **9.00** Jonathan Creek **10.10** John Bishop: In Conversation with Alex Brooker **11.10** Derren Brown: Trick or Treat **12.10** Cops Uncut **12.40** Being Human USA **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Bewitched **8.05** FILM: Crooks in Cloisters (1964) (U) Comedy, starring Ronald Fraser. **10.00** FILM: Crooks Anonymous (1962) (U) Comedy, starring Leslie Phillips and Julie Christie. **11.45** Only Fools and Horses **9.00** Bottom **11.00** Bottom Live **1.20** Inside No 9 **2.00** Knowing Me, Knowing You – With Alan Partridge **2.40** House of Fools **3.15** jam **3.45** Rex the Runt **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football Gold **7.00** Premier League Preview **7.30** Premier League Legends **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Football's Greatest Managers **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Live Premier League. Manchester United v Leicester City (kick-off 12.30pm). **3.00** Gillette Soccer Saturday **5.15** Live EFL. Aston Villa v Newcastle United (kick-off 5.30pm). **8.00** EFL Goals **8.30** Nissan Game of the Day **10.30** Nissan Match Choice **11.30** Premier League Highlights

Sunday September 25th

DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.30 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 Sunday Morning Live** (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **1.45 Eat Well for Less?** (S)(R) **2.45 Points of View** (S) **3.00 Ingenious Animals** (S)(R) **4.00 The Great British Bake Off** (S)(R) **5.00 Songs of Praise** (S) **5.35 Autumn: Earth's Seasonal Secrets** (S) **6.35 BBC News** (S) **6.50 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S)

7 **7.00 Countryfile** Matt Baker oversees this year's One Man and His Dog contest at Florence Court, Co Fermanagh. Including weather for the week ahead. (S)

8 **8.00 Antiques Roadshow** A time capsule that has been buried for 130 years is opened for the first time on camera. (S)

9 **9.00 Poldark** Ross makes a deal with a criminal who offers to pay him for using Nampara Cove as a safe haven for smuggling – but Demelza does not approve of his actions. (S)

10 **10.00 BBC News** (S) **10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **10.30 Match of the Day 2** Featuring highlights of West Ham United v Southampton. (S)

11 **11.15 The Women's Football Show** A look at the biggest issues. (S) **11.50 FILM Winter's Bone (2010) (15)** Drama, starring Jennifer Lawrence and Isaiah Stone. (S)

AFTER **12** **1.25 Weather for the Week Ahead** (S) **1.30** BBC News (S)

BBC2

6.15 The A to Z of TV Gardening (S)(R) **6.30 Glorious Gardens from Above** (S)(R) **7.15 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **8.15 Countryfile** (S)(R) **9.15 The Beechgrove Garden** (S) **9.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.15 Great British Menu** (S) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 Live PDC Darts Champions League** (S) **5.00 Heir Hunters** (S)(R) **5.45 Flog It!** (S) **6.30 Live PDC Darts Champions League** (S)

10.30 Fleabag An art exhibition brings secrets to light. Last in the series. (S) **10.55 Murder in Successville** Sleet recovers in hospital after being shot. Last in the series. (S)

11.25 Jade: Why I Chose Porn A porn star discusses the reasons for her choice of career. (S)

12.05 FILM Tormented (2009) (15) Satirical horror, starring Tuppence Middleton. (S) **1.35** Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **2.30** Holby City (S)(R) **3.30** This Is BBC Two (S) **5.45** Rip Off Britain (S)(R)

ITV

6.00 CITV **7.25 Scrambled! 9.25 ITV News** (S) **9.30 Bear Grylls Survival School** (S) **10.00 Peston on Sunday** (S) **11.00 Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury** (S)(R) **11.30 Chopping Block** (S)(R) **12.30 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.35 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **1.35 River Monsters** (S)(R) **2.05 Victoria** (S)(R) **3.10 The X Factor** (S)(R) **4.40 Doc Martin** (S)(R) **5.35 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **5.45 ITV News** (S) **6.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special** (S)

7.00 The X Factor Dermot O'Leary presents the second instalment of the six chair challenge, as contestants perform for the first time in front of an audience. (S)

9.00 Victoria The queen matches wills with the Duke of Sussex to see her husband is granted more respect, while Albert seeks a role of his own in public affairs. (S)

10.05 ITV News; Weather (S) **10.20 Peston on Sunday** Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with ITV News National Editor Allegra Stratton. (S)(R)

11.20 Premiership Rugby Union Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures.

12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights (S) **4.45** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

6.40 Motor Sport: 2016 FIA World Endurance Championship (S) **7.10 Motor Sport: British Rally Championship** (S) **7.35 Frasier** (S)(R) **8.30 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 FILM Jungle 2 Jungle (1997) (PG)** (S) **2.25 FILM Lilo & Stitch (2002) (U)** (S) **4.05 Location, Location, Location** (S)(R) **5.10 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S) **6.10 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.30 Posh Pawn** (S)

7.30 Speed with Guy Martin Guy tries to cross the English channel on a flying bicycle held aloft by a helium balloon the size of a bus. (S)

9.00 Celebrity Island with Bear Grylls An accident while fishing leaves Lydia Bright in agony and the castaways have not eaten a proper meal in four days. (S)

10.05 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)(R)

11.05 FILM The Hurt Locker (2008) (15) Kathryn Bigelow's drama, with Jeremy Renner and Anthony Mackie. (S)

1.30 Obsessive Compulsive Country House Cleaners (S)(R) **2.25** Grand Designs Australia (S) **3.20** Embarrassing Bodies Down Under (S)(R) **4.15** Food Unwrapped (S)(R) **4.40** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures (S)(R) **5.00** Location, Location, Location (S)(R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 The Fairly OddParents (S) **10.30 Football on 5: The Championship** (S)(R) **11.25 Football on 5: Goal Rush** (S)(R) **12.00 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops** (S) **12.25 The Hotel Inspector** (S)(R) **4.10 5 News Weekend** (S) **4.15 FILM The Illusionist (2006) (PG)** Mystery thriller, starring Edward Norton, Paul Giamatti and Jessica Biel. (S) **6.25 Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas** (S)

7.20 TV's 50 Greatest Magic Tricks A countdown of illusions that have stood the test of time on the small screen, featuring Penn and Teller, Derren Brown, David Blaine, Paul Daniels and Dynamo. (S)(R)

10.00 When Magic Goes Horribly Wrong Illusions that went disastrously wrong, including mishaps involving Dynamo, Paul Daniels and David Blaine. (S)

12.55 Lip Sync Battle: Vic Reeves v Johnny Vegas (S)(R) **1.15** SuperCasino **3.10** Secrets of the SAS: In Their Own Words (S)(R) **4.00** Criminals: Caught on Camera (S)(R) **4.50** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! Gold **6.50** Emmerdale **9.35** Coronation Street **12.00** The X Factor **1.30** The Xtra Factor Live **2.35** The Hot Desk: Little Mix **2.45** FILM: The Bachelor (1999) (12) **3.45** FYI Daily **3.50** FILM: The Bachelor (1999) (12) **4.45** FILM: Nanny McPhee (2005) (U) **5.45** FYI Daily **5.50** FILM: Nanny McPhee (2005) (U) **6.45** FILM: Kindergarten Cop (1990) (12) **7.45** FYI Daily **7.50** FILM: Kindergarten Cop (1990) (12) Concluded. **9.00** The Xtra Factor Live **10.00** Family Guy **11.55** American Dad! **12.50** The Cleveland Show **1.20** Dating in the Dark **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of Four **8.05** Heartbeat **10.15** Wycliffe **11.20** Agatha Christie's Marple **1.25** FILM: Les Miserables (1978) (PG) **2.35** FYI Daily **2.40** FILM: Les Miserables (1978) (PG) **4.00** FILM: Carry On Screaming (1966) (PG) **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05** FILM: Carry On Screaming (1966) (PG) **5.55** Rosemary & Thyme **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** It'll Be Alright on the Night's Best of the Worst **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.15** Wire in the Blood **2.05** Wycliffe **3.00** May the Best House Win **4.40** You're Only Young Twice **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Keith Richards' Lost Weekend **7.40** FILM: The Man Who Would Be King (1975) (PG) Period adventure, starring Sean Connery and Michael Caine. **9.40** Keith Richards' Lost Weekend **9.45** Lords of Little Egypt: Mai Zetterling Among the Gypsies **10.15** Keith Richards' Lost Weekend **10.45** FILM: Pandaemonium (2000) (12) Historical drama, starring Linus Roache and John Hannah. **12.40** Keith Richards' Lost Weekend **1.10** FILM: Build My Gallows High (1947) (PG) **2.40** Keith Richards' Lost Weekend **2.50** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **7.00** Baby Daddy **7.55** How I Met Your Mother **8.55** The Goldbergs **9.55** Hollyoaks **12.25** Stage School **3.00** The Goldbergs **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **5.55** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **6.15** The Big Bang Theory **7.15** FILM: The Karate Kid (2010) (PG) Martial arts drama, with Jaden Smith and Jackie Chan. **10.00** Tattoo Fixers **11.00** Body Fixers **12.05** Rude Tube **1.05** Containment **2.10** Empire **3.00** Scream Queens **3.45** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 River Cottage Bites **9.25** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **9.50** Car SOS **10.55** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb **11.55** Come Dine with Me **2.35** Four in a Bed **5.15** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast **9.00** Father Ted **10.05** The Big Fat Quiz of Everything **11.45** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.50** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast **1.50** The Big Fat Quiz of Everything **3.25** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Frogmen (1951) (U) **1.00** Napoleon Dynamite (2004) (PG) **2.50** The Last Mimzy (2007) (PG) **4.35** Johnny English Reborn (2011) (PG) **6.40** Beautiful Creatures (2013) (12) Fantasy, starring Alden Ehrenreich. **9.00** Avatar (2009) (12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Sam Worthington. **12.10** Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (2011) (12) **2.00** A Better Life (2011) (12) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.00 Carpool **7.10** Trawlermen **7.40** Top Gear Africa Special **10.15** Top Gear **11.20** Red Bull Soapbox Race **12.20** Jay Leno's Garage **1.20** Traffic Cops **2.20** American Pickers **4.20** Top Gear Africa Special **7.00** Jay Leno's Garage **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.00** Crackanory **12.40** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.10** Mock the Week **2.45** Crackanory **3.20** Red Dwarf **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 The Bill **11.00** Call the Midwife **3.00** Catherine Cookson's The Cinder Path **6.00** The Two Ronnies **7.00** Murdoch Mysteries **8.00** The Doctor Blake Mysteries **9.00** Silent Witness **11.10** Catherine Cookson's The Cinder Path **2.10** The Indian Doctor **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Monkey Life **9.00** Futurama **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Road Wars **1.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **2.00** Four Weddings **3.00** Don't Tell the Bride **4.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **8.00** The Last Ship **9.00** Zoo **10.00** Ross Kemp: Extreme World **11.00** The Force: Essex **12.00** Stop, Search, Seize **1.00** Air Ambulance ER **2.00** Nothing to Declare **4.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line **5.00** Motorway Patrol

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The Petrol Age **7.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **8.00** The West Wing **10.00** The West Wing Special **11.00** The West Wing **1.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **2.00** Without a Trace **5.00** Cold Case **9.00** The Night Of **10.10** FILM: Westworld (1973) (15) Sci-fi thriller, starring Yul Brynner. **11.55** Ray Donovan **1.05** Aquarius **3.05** The Sopranos **4.05** The Petrol Age **5.05** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

W SKY: 109

6.05 Doctor Who **6.50** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.50** Traffic Cops **8.30** EastEnders **11.00** Judge Faith **1.00** My Dream Home **2.00** Doctor Who **6.00** Outnumbered **8.00** Beauty and the Beast **9.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with Alex Brooker **10.00** Sherlock **12.00** Code Black **1.35** Being Human USA **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Bewitched **8.24** Creature Comforts **8.35** The Two Ronnies Sketchbook **9.40** FILM: Who Done It? (1956) (U) **11.20** FILM: A Run for Your Money (1949) (U) **1.10** FILM: Davy (1958) (U) **2.50** Richard E Grant on Ealing Comedies **3.50** FILM: The Magnet (1950) (U) **5.30** FILM: Meet Mr Lucifer (1953) (PG) **7.00** Richard E Grant on Ealing Comedies **8.05** FILM: Kind Hearts and Coronets (1949) (U) Ealing black comedy, starring Alec Guinness. **10.15** The Young Ones **11.00** FILM: Clockwise (1986) (PG) Comedy, starring John Cleese. **12.55** The Young Ones **1.40** Human Remains **2.20** Stella Street **2.40** jam **3.10** French and Saunders Easter Special **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Premier League Highlights **9.00** The Sunday Supplement **10.30** Goals on Sunday **12.30** Live SPFL Football. **3.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. West Ham United v Southampton (kick-off 4.00pm). **6.30** SPFL Highlights **7.00** Football Gold **7.40** Live La Liga Football. Espanyol v Celta Vigo (kick-off 7.45pm). **9.45** Spanish Football Gold **10.00** Premier League Highlights **10.30** SPFL Highlights **11.00** Football Gold **11.30** Premier League Highlights **12.00** SPFL Highlights **12.30** Premier League Years **2.30** Premier League Highlights **3.00** SPFL Highlights **3.30** Premier League 100 Club **5.00** SPFL Highlights **5.30** Premier League Highlights

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Seann's comedy mission

• Seann Walsh

COMEDIAN Seann Walsh will pop in to two Oxfordshire venues as part of his new UK tour 'One for the Road'.

Visiting the Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot on Thursday, September 29, and Banbury's Mill Arts Centre on Saturday, October 1, the 30-year-old's show will include audience participation, as well as tales about making that journey from being an unknown comic to one of the country's biggest names.

"My last show was called '28' and it was about me moving in with my girlfriend and how that changed me," he said.

"This is a continuation of that idea and shows how things have moved on.

"And at the beginning of the show, I'll ask the audience to write down what really annoys them.

"Then at the end, I'll randomly read them out. They listen to me for an hour, and then I get to listen to them.

"After the scripted show, I'll get to mess around. That will be a lot of fun."

A regular name on the comedy circuit with TV appearances on 'Mock the Week', '8 Out of 10 Cats', 'Never Mind the Buzzcocks' and 'Celebrity Juice', becoming a comedian was the only thing Seann was interested in.

Leaving school with one GCSE - a grade C in Drama, which saw him get an A in the practical exam but a U in the written test as he did not answer any of the questions, Seann continually wrote puns, gags and witty cracks about certain topics in various public places as he 'despises' silence.

Open-mic nights and comedy competitions soon followed, which helped Seann pursue his dream, and after winning a number of awards in the space of two years after his first gig in 2006, he supported Stephen K. Amos on his 2008/09 'Find the Funny' and 2009/10 'The Feelgood Factor' UK tours.

He has not looked back since.

Seann said: "Moaning works really well in comedy as stand-up is a true representation of life.

"So do you really want to listen to someone telling you what a wonderful time they've had? No, you have no interest in that.

"If someone is saying 'I've had a lovely day. I went jogging, then went to the gym and I've only eaten vegetables and no carbs', you're just bored.

"But if someone tells you they have broken their leg, lost their job and split with their partner, you put the kettle on!

"Moaning is so effective because people only want to hear about other people's pain."

For start times and prices for both shows, visit cornerstone-arts.org and themillartscentre.co.uk.

Rat Boy to play city venue

TRACKS from his up-and-coming album along his three previous mixtapes will all be heard when Rat Boy visits the O2 Academy in Oxford on Friday, September 23.

The musician and artist, whose real name is Jordan Cardy, arrives at the Cowley Road venue with his band of Liam Haygarth (bass), Harry Todd (guitar) and Noah Booth (drums).

But for Jordan, who has been performing on the mainstream stage for three years, gigging in front of hundreds of people is a world away from his previous job, as the musician used to work in a pub.

"I was at Wetherspoons for a bit but got fired for just messing around really," he told the Guardian.

"I'm not great at doing normal jobs, but it was good because I wrote a lot of lyrics there with people watching.

"It's the perfect spot for the sorts of collection of people for songs."

Discussing whether he looked upon himself as Rat Boy or being in a band called Rat Boy, the 20-year-old said: "I feel both. But I'm Rat Boy. All my art and work is Rat Boy and it's been like that from day one.

"I'm also still a member of it and the band, but as the group is getting bigger, everyone who is getting involved is becoming part of Rat Boy.

"So it's something that started as me being Rat Boy in my bedroom making art - to a bigger thing with members and a team."

The gig starts at 6.30pm and tickets cost £14.62.

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Comedian Jo back in town

AFTER her popular 'Uninformed Opinions' tour last year, comedienne Jo Caulfield is back with her new show 'The Customer is Always Wrong', which visits the Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot on Friday, September 30.

By **James Richings**

The 50-year-old, who turns 51 on September 26, was inspired to write the show after a bizarre encounter at a bed store.

Jo, who has performed at the Station Road venue many times before, is hoping her personal experiences will keep the audience chuckling.

When thinking about the show's name, Jo revealed to the Guardian: "I've had a lot of strange customer service recently.

"I was looking at new beds and the salesman suggested I lay down and try out the mattress.

"When I said I couldn't decide without my husband beside me, the salesman insisted he lie down beside me and play the part of my husband!

"I kept thinking 'Is this normal?'"

Now one of the leading female faces on the UK comedy circuit, Jo's journey to becoming a top comic was not the easiest one.

After moving from her native Wales to London to pursue a short-lived music career in her late teens, Jo decided that comedy was the way forward. The aspiring comic took a job as a waitress, saved up her tips, bought a small mic and amp, and opened her own comedy club in Hampstead.

It was at her club that she was to meet her future partner, with the couple agreeing that if their plan to become comedians did not materialise within the next two years, they would pack it in and find another career path.

But the club grew and before she knew it, Jo was writing gags for the likes of Graham Norton and BBC Radio 4.

She has since appeared on numerous TV shows since such as 'Mock the Week', and 'Have I Got News For You', while regularly appearing at The Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

With Jo having worked on both TV and stage, she revealed her preference.

"TV sets are rehearsed so if you make a mistake, they simply re-do it or edit the mistake out," she said.

"Live comedy is an exciting art form as anything can happen.

"You never know where the audience interaction is going to take the show. It's a beautiful shared experience.

"I know where I want to take the audience, and they've put the trust in me to lead them anywhere."

The show will start at 8pm and tickets cost £15 or £13.50 for concessions.

• Jo Caulfield

Comedy night

COMEDY: Four comedians will take to the stage at the Glee Club in Oxford on Saturday, September 24 as part of its weekly comedy bill.

The show at the Hythe Bridge Street venue at 8.30pm is suitable for over-18s. Tickets cost £14.50.

Folk performance

LIVE MUSIC: Scottish musician Karen Matheson will be performing at the North Wall Arts Centre in Oxford on Tuesday, September 27.

The 53-year-old specialises in folk music. Tickets cost £16 and the gig at the South Parade venue will start at 8pm.

New faces sought

PANTOMIME: The Wallingford Corn Exchange's actors the Sinodun Players are looking for people to take part in next year's family show, 'The Pied Piper'.

A read-through of the script will take place on Wednesday, September 28, with auditions happening nine days later on Friday, October 7, at 7.45pm at the Market Place theatre.

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Burcot

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Sutton Courtenay — £200,000

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Abingdon — £230,000

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Harwell — £415,000

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Abingdon — £425,000

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Abingdon — £490,000

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Abingdon — £700,000

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*Four Bedrooms
*Mid Terraced
*Off Street Parking
*Rear Garden
*Village Location

Brackley £339,995

*EPC D
*Four Bedrooms
*Semi-Detached
*Off Street Parking
*Rear Garden

Banbury £334,950

*EPC D
*Three Bedrooms Semi-Detached
*Off Street Parking
*Rear Garden

Banbury £249,950

*EPC B
*Two Bedroom
*Ground Floor Apartment
*Leasehold
*Off Road Parking
*Rear Garden

Hook Norton £365,000

*EPC E
*Semi Detached *Three Double Bedrooms
*Master with Ensuite
*South West Facing Rear Garden
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Banbury £319,950

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SHILTON PARK £200,000

Larger than average apartment located close to local amenities and within the Shilton Park development. Viewing is needed to appreciate the accommodation. EPC Rating B.

SHILTON PARK £245,000

End of terrace home located on the Shilton Park development, with the added benefit of off street parking leading to garage to the side. EPC Rating AWAITED

CARTERTON £270,000

Tucked away in this cul de sac close to Carterton town centre we find this stunning two bedroom semi detached home. EPC Rating AWAITED.

SHILTON PARK £500,000

Stunning detached family home set over three levels. Situated on the popular Shilton Park development. EPC Rating AWAITED

FAIRFORD £524,995

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Abingdon Road, Stnadlake £400,000

A THREE BEDROOM FAMILY HOME. Located in the very sought after popular location of Standlake.

Stonesfield £315,000

Connells are delighted to offer this three bedroom family home in Stonesfield. NO ONWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D.

Wenrisc Drive £365,000

A Three bedroom family home located in the very sought after location of Minster Lovell.

Witney £385,000

Unique opportunity to purchase this extended link detached house on a corner plot. Viewing is highly recommended.

Witney £325,000

A fantastic three bedroom cottage located within a short walking distance from the Witney town centre. EPC Rating E.

Chadlington OIEO £300,000

This unique period cottage offers a private patio garden, off street parking, double garage, both a family bathroom & en-suite shower room. EPC Rating E.

Standlake OIEO £490,000

An attractive four bedroom chalet bungalow. Outside there is a spectacular rear garden which backs on the river Windrush. EPC Rating D

Madley Park, Witney £325,000

Located on the sought after development of Madley Park, this well presented property boasts a private rear garden, garage and parking. EPC Rating B.

Minster Lovell £325,000

Two bedroom bungalow in the popular village of Minster Lovell. EPC Rating E

Thorney Leys £295,000

A three bedroom family home over 3 levels. Located on the very popular Thorney Leys Development.

Witney £265,000

A well presented, modernised, recently re-decorated mid terrace property.

High Street, Millins Yard £195,000

NO CHAIN A ground floor flat in Witney town centre, this is one of only nine purpose built apartments set back off the high street.

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OXFORD

Horspath £650,000

Deceptively spacious hence the name of the property 'The Ark'. The upstairs of the property offers rental potential, you MUST VIEW to appreciate this spacious flexible home, located in a rural setting in the popular village of Horspath, under the catchment area of Wheatley Park high school.
EPC Rating: C

Cowley Road £550,000

A rare opportunity to purchase a detached three bedroom family home providing generous accommodation located on the popular Cowley Road with enclosed off street parking for several vehicles and triple garage. If you are looking for family city living this is a must view...!!
EPC Rating: D

Garsington £500,000

This five bedroom semi detached has been extended to the side and rear now offering spacious accommodation with three reception rooms, upstairs shower room plus ground floor bathroom and utility room. Presented to a high standard throughout.
EPC Rating: E

Florence Park £385,000

SOLD IN 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

Extended three bedroom mid terraced with original features and parking to front, enclosed landscaped rear garden, en suite to master bedroom, bathroom and utility room.

EPC Rating: D

Kennington £385,000

A sizeable family 3 bedroom house with 2 reception rooms plus an extended fitted kitchen with a down stairs cloakroom. Good sized garden with a converted garage and log cabin at the rear. A generously portioned house in good order throughout located in a sought after village.
EPC Rating: C

Iffley Road £350,000

SOLD IN 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

Beautifully presented ground floor flat within a gated development in East Oxford. Offering convenient open plan lounge/kitchen & diner with patio gardens from lounge and master bedroom. The property benefits from an allocated parking space within a secure car park overlooking communal gardens. EPC Rating: B

Florence Park £360,000

Situated in the popular area of Florence Park nestled in the cul de sac of Campbell Road is this three bedroom end of terraced. Off street parking to the front and private enclosed garden over 100ft in length. Potential to extend subject to planning.

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Cowley/Headington £350,000

Detached house located on the Cowley/Headington borders, within walking distance to the BMW plant. three bedrooms and two reception rooms. Front and rear gardens plus driveway. No onward chain. Call Connells to book your viewing 01865 748448.
EPC Rating: D

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OXFORD

Greater Leys £280,000

Built by Bovis homes is this end of terraced house situated in a cul-de-sac location within the popular Greater Leys area. The property is in good order throughout and perfect for a family or young couple. Comprising of downstairs toilet, kitchen, lounge/dining area, three bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway. EPC Rating: D

Blackbird Leys £265,000

This three bedroom family home does need general decorative updating but is mostly double glazed and fully gas central heated. Our vendor will accept an offer from a suitable buyer to secure his onward purchase which is vacant...!! Call to book your viewing on 01865 748448 to see this property.
EPC Rating: C

Greater Leys £280,000

Built by WESTBURY HOMES is this well presented 2 bedroom terraced property being an ideal first time buy. Garage with parking for 2. Both bedrooms benefit from built in wardrobes. White bathroom suite. Located in the desirable close in Greater Leys. EPC Awaited

Blackbird Leys £275,000

SOLD IN 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

Connells are pleased to market this well presented family home. The home comprises of 3 bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs, with a entrance, spacious sitting room and fitted kitchen/dining room downstairs. There are front and rear gardens and the home has double glazing and gas central heating. EPC Rating: D

Temple Cowley £225,000

One double bedroom ground floor apartment situated in the popular location of Temple Cowley and being offered onto the market in good decorative order with no onward chain. Offering easy access into Oxford City and the Southern Bypass, with amenities nearby.
EPC Rating: C

Berinsfield £250,000

SOLD IN 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

This semi detached house has two double bedrooms and is a 'must view' offering:- Entrance, spacious lounge with wooden flooring, newly fitted white gloss kitchen with Possible Utilities Included, conservatory, white bathroom suite.

EPC Rating: C

Rose Hill £217,500

A STUNNING one bedroom ground floor apartment presented to an excellent standard. Modern open plan living room to fitted kitchen with built in appliances. Double bedroom with white bathroom. Must view to appreciate modern living. Close to local amenities with excellent bus service.
EPC Rating: B

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Boars Hill £195,000

An independent and sociable lifestyle in beautiful surroundings. Oxford Beaumont is a wonderfully elegant setting that is home to a vibrant retirement community. Whether you need some help at home or feel you may need it in the future, living in an assisted living apartment will allow you. EPC Rating: F

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HEADINGTON

Headington **£400,000**

A well presented three bed family home well situated for the John Radcliffe Hospital & access to city centre in Colterne Close. Cherwell catchment area and good transport links, please call us to book your viewing.

Oxford **£475,000**

Located in Oxford's 'Golden Triangle' this property offers spacious accommodation over two levels with off road parking. This location offers easy access to the bustling Cowley Road and St Clements shops, bars, restaurants and local amenities. Would be ideal for families or investors.

Headington **£500,000**

Modern and spacious 3 bed family home which boasts extended kitchen diner at the rear, large living room and downstairs cloakroom on the ground floor.

Kidlington **£165,000**

A fantastic development for the over 55's. A shared ownership (75% Share) apartment situated in the tranquil village of Yarnton. This development comprises of facilities such as: An in-house Restaurant, Hair dressers, Residents Lounge and Hobby Room.

Quarry **OIE £385,000**

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Headington **OIE £650,000**

Presented in excellent order throughout, this unique property has substantial living space over two floors and an extensive mature garden. Suitable for extension (subject to planning) and conveniently located for access to local amenities and transport links

Marston **£450,000**

Three bedroom extended family home in this highly regarded side road situated within the Cherwell School catchment area. Offered with no onward chain this property has both a garage and off street parking.

Risinghurst **OIE £375,000**

A semi detached house in the popular area of Risinghurst with good access to Oxford hospitals and the A40. This property benefits from a substantial mature rear garden

Risinghurst **OIE £350,000**

A well presented, extended home in the popular Risinghurst area.The property offers substantial accommodation over two levels and provides good access to local hospitals and amenities.

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THAME

Chalgrove **£450,000**

A very well presented and well cared for four bedroom detached family home on the outskirts of this thriving Oxfordshire village. Located in a cul-de-sac of similar styled properties that provides good access to the centre of the village, this lovely family home is offered for sale in pristine decorative order throughout.

Chalgrove **£340,000**

With two double bedrooms and one single, this property has been cleverly extended into the garage to give a spacious downstairs living area with two reception rooms.

Tetsworth **£365,000**

The property has been lovingly looked after and maintained to a high standard and gives great light, airy and open plan living accommodation downstairs. The owners selling agent highly recommends and internal viewing.

Chalgrove **£475,000**

A contemporary extended four bedroom detached home with a good size rear garden centrally located in one of the area's premier village locations. The property has a light and airy feel throughout and benefits from spacious accommodation. Prospective purchasers will note that no onward chain is involved.

Brill **£285,000**

A lovely, picturesque two bedroom property located in the sought after village of Brill. Viewing is highly advised. This home, which offers tidy and well maintained accommodation throughout includes a ground floor living room, dining room and kitchen whilst the first floor has a master bedroom, second double bedroom and bathroom.

Chinnor **£550,000**

Located in a cul-de-sac of similar styled properties that provides good access to the centre of this popular local village, this lovely home is offered for sale in pristine decorative order throughout and as such viewing is highly recommended to the discerning home buyer.

Thame **£400,000**

A lovely and well maintained three bedroom semi-detached property located just a short distance from the historical market town centre of Thame. The property, which has been subject to a rear extension and a garage conversion gives the prospective buyer plenty of space with a bright and airy feel with neutral, well presented decor.

Bledlow **£925,000**

A rare opportunity to acquire a four bedroom detached bungalow with mature and enclosed gardens approaching c. 0.3 acre in an excellent rural location with panoramic views across unspoilt countryside to the rear. Currently the property is in need of some upgrading and enhancement and offers excellent potential for future extension (sstp).

Chinnor **£375,000**

A 2 bedroom bungalow that provides good accommodation throughout with ample sized rooms and a formal and mature rear garden. The property, which is in need of some modernisation gives a bright and airy feel, with sitting room, double bedroom, bathroom, kitchen with access to the rear garden and a spacious master bedroom.

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Abingdon **£1,200pcm**

Well presented three bedroom family home located in popular Peachcroft developement in North Abingdon.

Abingdon **£1,250pcm**

An attractive three bedroom terraced house located in a quiet cul-de-sac just a short walk from Abingdon Town Centre.

Upper Road **£1,400pcm**

We are proud to present this 3 bedroom semi-detached property in Kennington, Oxford.

Sutton Courtenay **£1,550pcm**

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Five-bed house for sale in cul-de-sac

A five-bedroom family house on Banbury's Hanwell Fields estate is on the market at a guide price of £425,000.

Located on the edge of a cul-de-sac, three of the home's bedrooms are ensuite and it also has two reception rooms, a double garage and a good-sized rear garden. It also has planning permission for a ground-floor extension.

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Heyford Park offers a range of homes for first-time purchasers

If you're a first-time buyer or second-stepper searching for a distinctive new home in a unique location, why not take a look at the range of houses ready to move into at Heyford Park in Upper Heyford?

Heyford Park is built on a former military air base and is one of the most exclusive new developments in Oxfordshire. Developer Dorchester Living is focussed on building upon the existing community and creating an exciting hub for enterprise, culture and living.

Heyford Park Free School, which opened in September 2013, offers children a learning environment in which to develop and thrive. Heyford Park falls in its catchment area.

There are plans for a state-of-the-art village centre with an eclectic mix of leisure, residential, commercial and retail spaces, including an American-inspired brasserie, rooftop terraces, a convenience store and flexible community space.

Currently, there is a small collection of three- and four-bedroom houses for sale that are ready to move into. Prices start from £297,995 for a three-bedroom house and from £454,995 for a four-bedroom house.

Commenting Jeanne Evett, Sales and Marketing Director at Dorchester Living, said: "Heyford Park will have much to offer residents who want to live in the heart of the Oxfordshire countryside but still close to the types of amenities and facilities you would find in a town."

To view any of the remaining new homes or to find out more about living at Heyford Park, contact the marketing suite on 01869 238238 or visit www.heyfordpark.co.uk

What will the 0.25% Interest Rate do to the Oxford Property Market?

Bill Cooper - Co-author of The Oxford Property Blog and Managing Director of Martin and Co Oxford

I was speaking with a Boars Hill landlord who owns a few properties in the city when he popped his head in to my office while his wife was in town shopping (and let's be honest talking about the Oxford Property Market is a lot more interesting than clothes shopping!). We had never spoken before (because he uses another agent in the city to manage his Oxford properties) yet after reading my blog on the Oxford Property Market for a few weeks, the landlord wanted to know my thoughts on how the recent interest rate cut would affect the Oxford property market and I would also like to share these thoughts with you.

It's been a few weeks now since interest rates were cut to 0.25% by the Bank of England because the Bank believed Brexit could lead to a materially lower path of growth for the UK, especially for the manufacturing and construction industries. You see, for the country as a whole, the manufacturing and construction industries are still performing well below the pre-credit crunch levels of 2008/09, so the British economy remains highly susceptible to an economic shock. This is especially important in Oxford because even though we have had a number of local success stories in manufacturing and construction, a large number of people are employed in these sectors. In Oxford, of the 74,277 people who have a job, 3,794 are in the manufacturing industry and 3,172 in construction meaning 5.1% of Oxford workers are employed in the manufacturing sector and 4.3% of Oxford workers are in construction.

The other sector of the economy the Bank is worried about, and an equally important one to the Oxford economy, is the financial services industry. Financial services in Oxford employ 968 people, making up 1.3% of the Oxford working population.

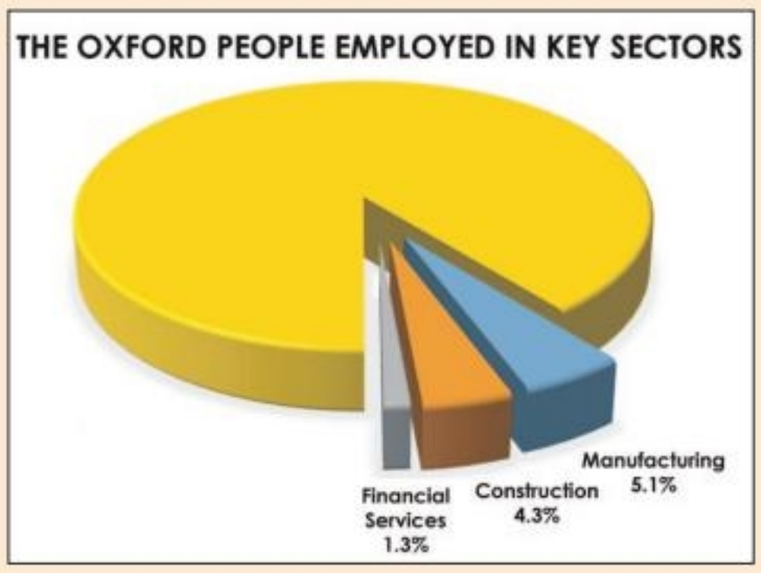
Together with a cut in interest rates, the Bank also announced an increase in the supply of money via a new programme of Quantitative Easing to buy £70bn of Government and Private bonds. Now that won't do much to the Oxford property market directly, but another measure also included in the recent announcement was £100bn of new funding to banks. This extra £100bn will help the high-street banks pass on the base rate cut to people and businesses, meaning the banks will have lots of cheap money to lend for mortgages. That should have a huge effect on the Oxford property market (£100bn would be enough to buy over a quarter of a million homes in Oxford).

It will take until early in the New Year to find out the real direction of the Oxford property market and the effects of Brexit on the economy as a whole, the subsequent recent interest rate cuts and the availability of cheap mortgages. However, something bigger than Brexit and interest rates is the inherent under-supply of housing (something I have spoken about many times in my blog and the specific effect on Oxford). The severe under-supply means that Oxford property prices are likely to increase further in the medium to long term, even if there is a dip in the trajectory of growth in the short term. This only confirms what every homeowner and landlord has known for decades - investing in property is a long-term project and as an investment vehicle, it will continue to outstrip other forms of investment due to the high demand for a roof over people's heads and the low supply of new properties being built.

For owner-occupiers in Oxford, the most challenging step is to get on the first rung of the ladder. Once they buy, they can continue to have confidence that the value of their asset will rise. Taking advantage of lower mortgage rates (and several high-street lenders have launched well-valued fixed interest offers since the Bank of England rate cut) and, if eligible, shared ownership models remain a sensible option. For buy-to-let investors there are also terrific new fixed rate loans available (eg Aldermore's 2.99% 5-year fixed rate at 70% LTV) suggesting that many lenders still see excellent investment returns to be available.

In Oxford, landlords should take a long-term view combining capital appreciation with rental yield returns to assess their investments.

Those who stay focused on the financial fundamentals of the Oxford market. rather than the scaremongering stories in the press, will continue to find excellent returns and steal a march on those who hesitate.



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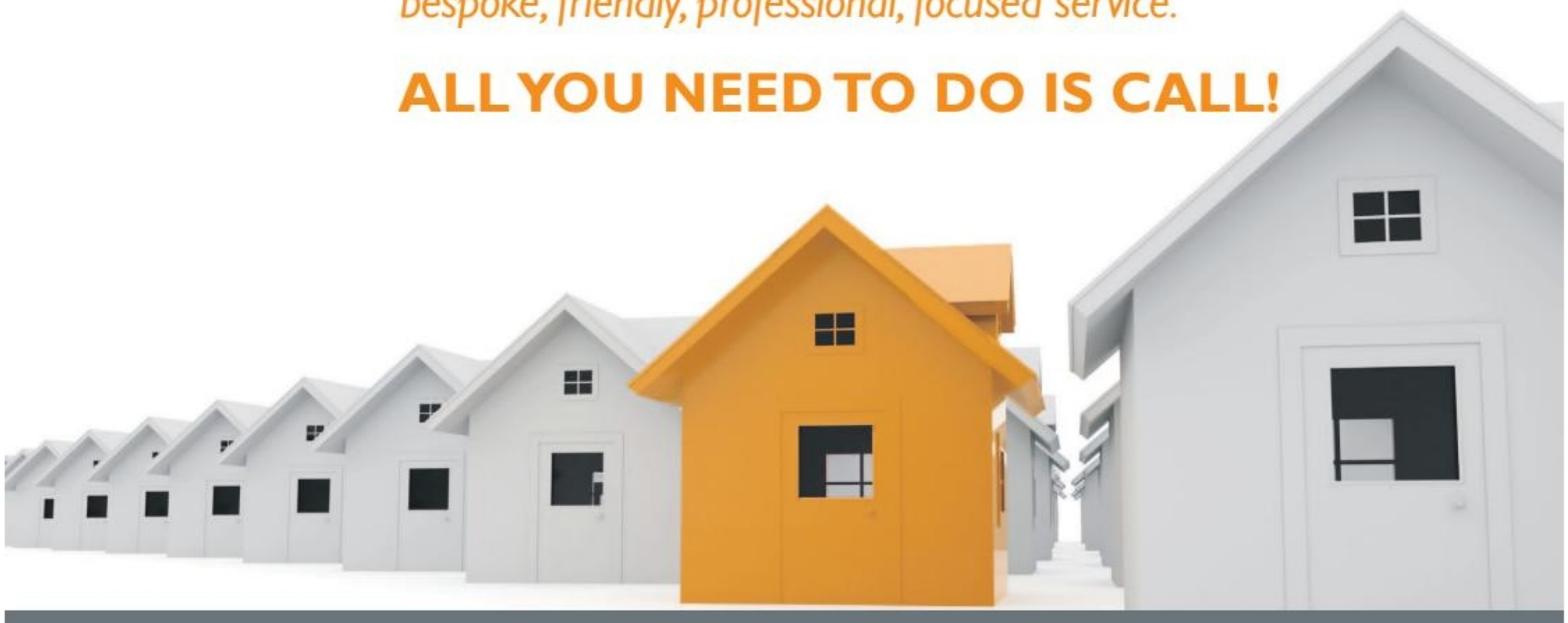

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LETTINGS

'Myriad of opportunities' for first-time buyers across Oxfordshire to get on the property ladder

Last month The Bank of England cut interest rates to 0.25% and it looks quite possible that they'll do so again in the coming few months. Whilst this could be viewed as good news for homeowners, we believe there is so much more to be positive about.

Since the first rate cut in August, some (in the region of 50%) of lenders reduced their rates and this will have provided an opportunity for some first-time buyers to get on the property ladder. However, many are yet to reduce their rates but it's worth remembering that a lowering of rates is just one route to getting on the property ladder and here at Andrews we believe there's never been a better time to buy.

Of course, we'd be foolish to suggest that a cut to interest rates isn't a good thing, and reduced rates are implemented to give the market a boost. However, this should be couched within reason. As we've already seen, many lenders are unlikely to significantly, if at all, alter their Standard Variable Rates (SVR); some fixed rates have seen some initial downward movement; but it's in the tracker mortgage market where the greatest gains are likely to be made if there aren't exemptions in place, that is.

That doesn't actually make the mortgage market a vastly different place to what we've become used to, but that's not such a bad place to be. Simply, there has never been a cheaper time to access money, nor has there been an easier time to get a mortgage, so long as – and this is the crux – you're able to tick all the boxes.

If you're a first-time buyer, there is a myriad of opportunities to get on the property ladder if you do your homework, hold realistic expectations and consider more creative options for entering the mortgage market.

With a wealth of information available, you should be able to gain a pretty fair idea of what you can afford and once some initial research has been completed, it's always a good idea to engage with an expert advisor - one who will integrate a stress test on the level of borrowing that allows for interest rates going up by anything in the region of 2 to 5%. Remember, it's not simply a case of the loan being affordable now, but also in the future.

You also need to be realistic about what type of property you really need. Think about what suits you now and in the immediate future, not what you'll need later in life. By considering alternative property types or locations, you could open up options not previously considered.

Likewise, shared-ownership is an increasingly popular option that allows you to increase your amount of equity in the property as your circumstances change.

So, yes, the likely drop in mortgage rates is an opportunity for some purchasers, but it's far from the only option. If you'd like to discuss your options, visit one of the five Andrews branches in Oxfordshire or see andrewsonline.co.uk

5 reasons to consider selling a property at auction

Selling a property at auction is becoming more popular as homeowners are attracted to the speed, simplicity and security of selling in this way.

Estate agents Leaders has noted a sharp rise in the number of sellers choosing to bring their home to the market via a local auction.

Kevin Shaw, national sales executive at Leaders, has highlighted five great reasons to sell a property at auction.

1) Speed: Once a property is sold at auction, a completion date will usually be set for 20 working days later. Sellers will have the funds in their bank account quicker than they typically would.

2) A guaranteed sale: As soon as the gavel falls, contracts are exchanged. All of the due diligence will have been completed by the buyer prior to this date. Sellers can rest assured that the sale will not collapse.

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Lesley Garrett at the Oxford Playhouse

• Lesley Garrett

IT will be more than songs on the agenda when one of the UK's most popular opera singers graces the Oxford Playhouse.

'An Audience with Lesley Garrett' will give an insight into the life of the popular soprano's 30-year career, alongside performing various recognisable operatic favourites.

"It's an opportunity for me to integrate with the audience and communicate with them," the 61-year-old said.

"I am going to talk about my life and career, and I'll be singing some of the songs that have mattered to me or that have illustrated periods of my life.

"The audience can make requests, and I will be answering questions too.

"It's going to be wonderful."

Lesley has had a career most opera singers would be jealous of.

The Doncaster-born singer has performed at the world's most spectacular opera destinations throughout Europe, the USA, Australia, Russia, Brazil, Japan, Malaysia, Taiwan and South Korea, alongside big names such as Michael Ball, Renee Fleming, Andrea Bocelli and Bryn Terfel.

Closer to home, she is a well known name at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden and London Coliseum, home of the English National Opera.

Sell-out shows all over the world, a third place finish on the first series of, 'Strictly Come Dancing', 16 popular albums and a CBE to her name have made Lesley one of the biggest names in opera.

By **James Richings**

And she has no temptation to hang up the microphone just yet, with a grand plan to make opera appealing to the next generation of singers by encouraging them to try it out.

"I'm just as active as I ever was and I'm grateful to be able to continue doing what I do," she said.

"It's down to good genes and good training that I've developed and honed my technique."

She added: "We'll have a really great time discussing what the future holds.

"I'm passionate about the position of music in society, in schools for example.

"I wouldn't be here today without my school, who spotted and supported my talent and gave me an amazing start.

"I got a full grant for four years at music college and that just doesn't exist anymore.

"Why is it an optional extra in schools?

"It seems to be crazy when it's so much a part of our lives.

"Music teaches kids so much about who they are and I learned all my languages through music–it has enriched my life in an immeasurable way."

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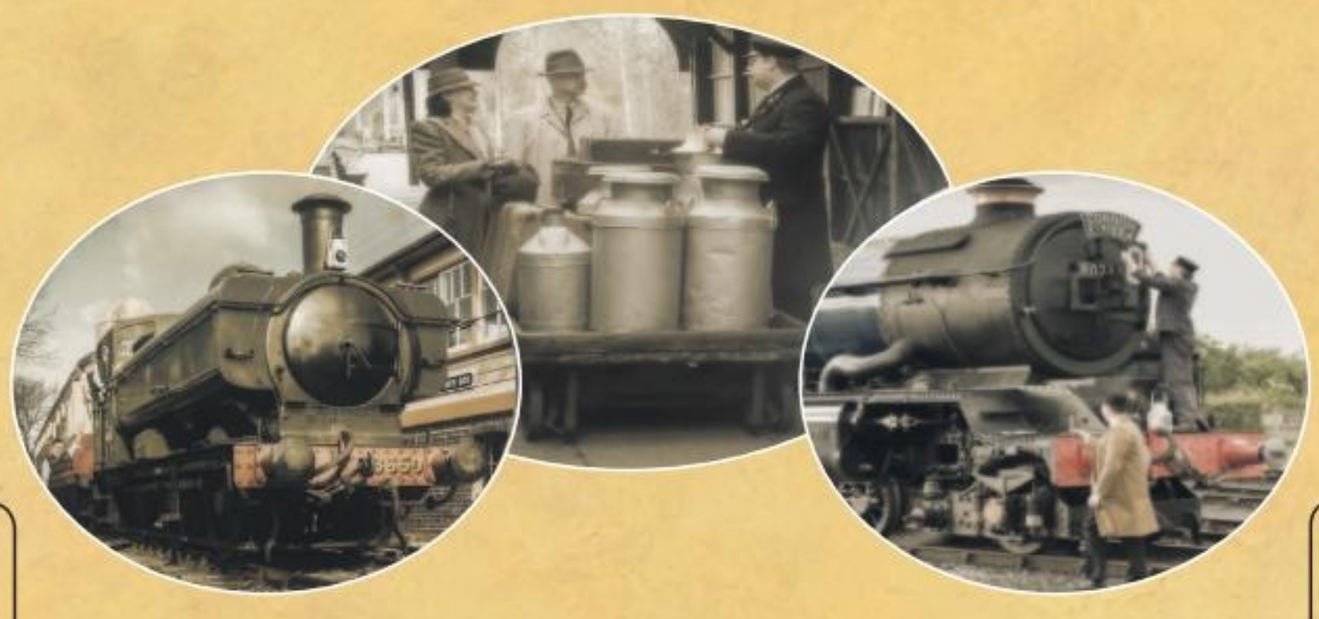

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Fri, Sept 23, 8pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
ANDY ROBBINS AND MICHAEL AXENDERRIE
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His latest work is really something to get excited about and we feel he is on the brink of becoming a huge name. He is already a regular on the Oxford music scene, having performed at the O2 Academy and Jericho Tavern but has also performed in almost every major city in the UK as well as playing several European dates.
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Fri, Sep 23, 6.30pm
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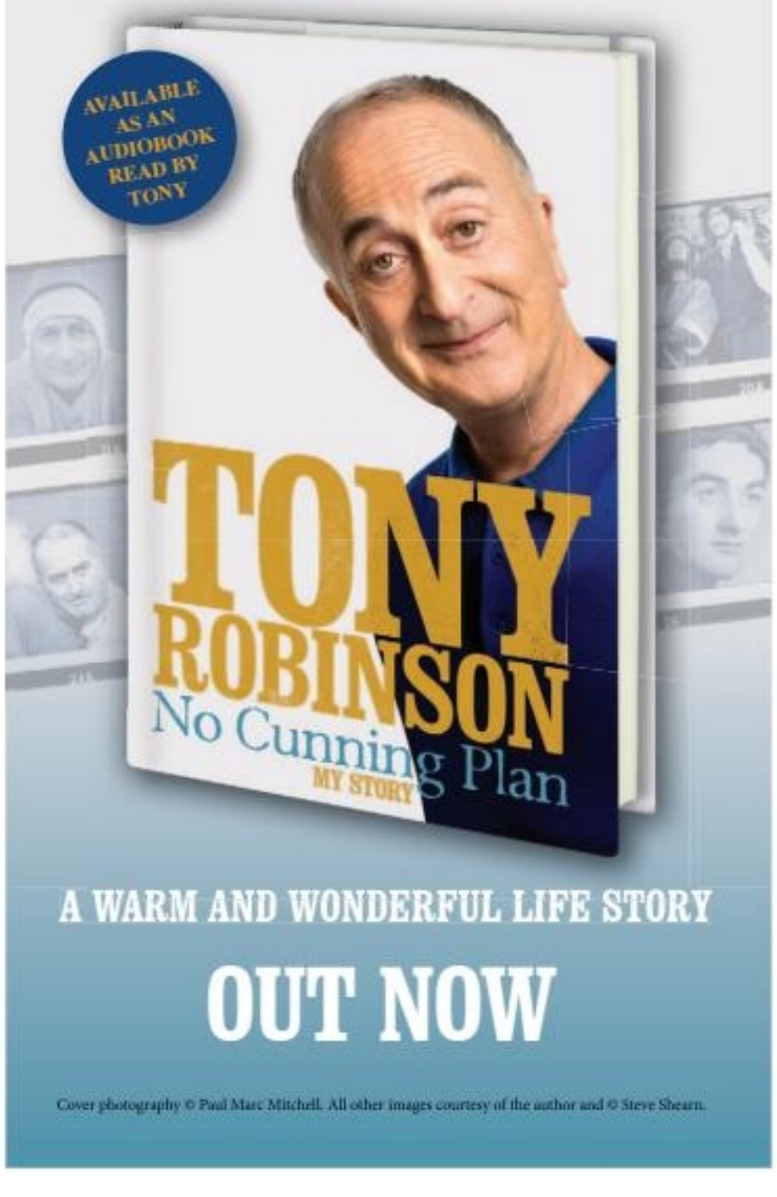

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Mon, Sept 26, 7.30pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
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Join dance artist Gabriele Reuter and composer/sound designer Mattef Kuhlmeyas they impart scientific knowledge through captivating performance. This mixture of practical demonstrations, fascinating experiments and expert interviews are as entertaining as they are illuminating.
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Mon, Sept 26, 7.30pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
AN AUDIENCE WITH LESLEY GARRETT
Join Britain's most popular soprano for a delightful evening of song, stories and chat. Featuring tales from behind the scenes that will give audiences a unique insight into her life on the stage.

As well as performing on the opera and concert stage both in the UK and internationally, Lesley has sung for the Royal Opera House and ENO, starred inCarousel and The Sound of Music and appeared on numerous television shows including Strictly Come Dancing.
She has also performed with artists as diverse as Michael Ball, Renee Fleming, Andrea Bocelli, Bryn Terfel and Lily Savage.

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Wed, Sep 28 & Fri, Sep 7
Corn Exchange, Wallingford
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The Wallingford Corn Exchange's actors, the Sinodum Players are looking actors to take part in next year's family show, 'The Pied Piper'.
A read-through of the script will take place on Wednesday, September 28 with auditions happening nine days later on Friday, October 7 at 7.45pm at the Market Place theatre.
For more information, please email Julie Utley and Caroline Wilkes on julieutley@aol.com or caroline@chilterntherapy.com.

Thu, Sep 29, 8pm
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Even if he'd probably rather be at home watching Sky Sports News. He's amassed a raft of panel show and talk show credits to his name, he's also team captain of Channel 4 and E4's Virtually Famous and a regular on ITV's Play to the Whistle.

Thu, Sept 29, - Fri, Sept 30
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SPINE
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Spine charts the explosive friendship between a ferocious, wise-cracking teenager and an elderly East End widow. Mischievous activist pensioner Glenda is hell-bent on leaving a political legacy and saving Amy from the Tory scrapheap.
In this era of damaging cuts and disillusionment, has politics forgotten people? Can we really take the power back? Amy is about to be forced to find out.

Sat, Oct 1, 6.30pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
BETH ORTON
Kidsticks repositions Beth Orton's unmistakable voice inside ten pure, audacious, playful and kinetic songs. A resolutely focused album, it represents a rare chance to hear an established artist get plugged in and completely rework the songwriting process with wide-eyed, open-minded glee.

Sat, Oct 1, 6.30pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
PETER MURPHY
Bauhaus vocalist Peter Murphy hits the road again with a new tour. Thin with prominent cheekbones, a baritone voice and a penchant for gloomy poetics, he is often called the Godfather of Goth.

Sun, Oct 2, 2pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre. Didcot

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This tour is presented by house.

Tue, Oct 4, 7pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
THE KILLS
Over their almost decade-and-a-half career, The Kills have released four records. Each one has been a restless, reckless enigmatic art statement that bristled with tension, anxiety, sex, unstudied cool and winking ennui, yet not one of them sounded like the previous. Ash & Ice is the follow up to 2011's critically lauded Blood Pressures and was five years in the making.

Wed, Oct 5, 7.30pm
Saint Mary's Church, Oxford.
MAGICAL FLUTES
Winsor based band The Windsor Bo x& Fir Co are trying to raise money for the Churchill Hospital and the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre where they are giving a concert in aid of them.
The event will include music by Telemann, WF Bach, Hotteterre and Blavet played on 18th century flutes by Jonathan Morgan and Jenny Thomas. Jonathan, who teaches for the Open University, will also introduce the pieces.
Tickets are £10 and can be bought on the door.

Fri, Oct 7, 8pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
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Sat, Oct 8, 8pm
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As seen on The Royal Variety Performance, Would I Lie To You?, The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice, Live At The Palladium and Have I Got News For You.

Sat, Oct 8, 11am, 1pm and 3pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
SPRUNG
Sprung celebrates movement and disability; dancers bounce, wheel and jump, using the sofa and inspiration from the audience to challenge perceptions of who can dance. From bolero to street dance, ska to contemporary, this spirited, comic piece is a joy to behold, so do come down and join us.

Saturday, October 8 – Thursday, November 24
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
ALONG THE HIDDEN PATH
In this exhibition artist Stuart Roper continues his exploration of the Oxfordshire countryside, with its lanes and quiet corners, often found in the most unexpected places.
Following on from his very successful show 'Oxford Refracted' at Art Jericho earlier in the year, Stuart brings a selection of his new work to the Cornerstone.
Stuart works in a variety of media including watercolour, gouache, acrylics and oils.
His paintings show the influence of the Scottish Colourists, yet he has a deep affinity with the English landscape.
With work exhibited in a number of galleries throughout the UK and with paintings in private collections all over the world, his growing reputation has attracted the attention of fine art buyers across the globe.

Saturday, October 15, 7.30pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
WRECKING BALL
A male photographer is taking a photograph of a female celebrity. She wants to be reinvented. She wants to be For Real. Wrecking Ball is about consent, power, authorship and putting words in other people's mouths. It's about the seductive power of make-believe. This double-hander asks who's really in control and how subtle abuses of power shape our relationships.
Commissioned by the Spring Festivals Commission 2015: Sprint, Watch Out, Mayfest, Pulse and Latitude Festival. Seeded by greenhouse, A Farnham Maltings initiative, and developed with the support of the National Theatre Studio, The Point, Eastleigh and The West End Centre. Supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England.
Wrecking Ball is a play written and performed by Action Hero. Action Hero have performed in theatres, bars and public spaces everywhere, from an old cinema in Bangkok to Shanghai Grand Theatre, from a blues bar in Texas to a Satan's Riders Motorcycle club house in Tasmania. Their ongoing interests lie in the iconography of popular culture and its use; both as a weapon and as a shared cultural memory, and although their work manifests many different forms, the live experience is at the heart of everything they do. Gemma & James have been shortlisted for several awards and won an Austin (Texas) Critic's Table Award in 2013. In 2015, a book of six of their works was published by Oberon.

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However, last week, I was dropped off the little Mitsubishi Mirage and, to be honest, from then on I was forced to eat humble pie - well, one tiny corner of it anyway.

The little Mirage is a bit of a cutie really – no frills, of course, but who cares. This is a car for getting about in and, as I found out that week, it did a pretty good job of ferrying my family around with ease.

By **Anthony Yates**

Interior & technology:

Powered by a three-cylinder DOHC 12 Valve MIVEC engine with 79bhp and 0-62 time of about... well, let's just say it will get to 60mph at some point, but as it's what I would describe as an Eco car, I will scratch over the times.

Fuel efficiency is great at 55.4mpg urban.

The engine is also a very free revving three cylinder that feels quite nippy around town - that's due to the cars low weight but also thanks to those tiny cute wheels which also make the job of parking an easy one.

On the road:

The little Mirage is actually OK – remember it's not a £30,000 car so don't expect to find a trick diff or a flappy-paddle gearbox. What you do get though is a car that will get you and your family from one place to another in decent style with minimal fuss and using less fuel than my lawnmower.

One thing I will say, however, is how much I loved driving it – and that's the important bit here I suppose.

Look at it this way, if a car makes you feel happy when you are driving it, then the manufacturer has at least got one part of the design right.

Design & technology

Inside the seats are very good for a car costing just over £10,000. The dash is also made out of a decent material and all the switches feel well made. Rear leg room is a little tight though, but then what small car does not have the same issue when it comes to rear space.

There are so many cars I could name that would need you to attend the IKEA design centre in Älmhult, Sweden, to learn the art of being flat-packed before you can sit in the back.

The Mirage Juro model specification also comes with many standard features such as ABS with EBD, active stability & traction control, TPMS (tyre pressure monitoring system), headlamps, Bi-Xenon HID, DAB digital radio, Bluetooth with music streaming, air conditioning, climate control and cruise control.

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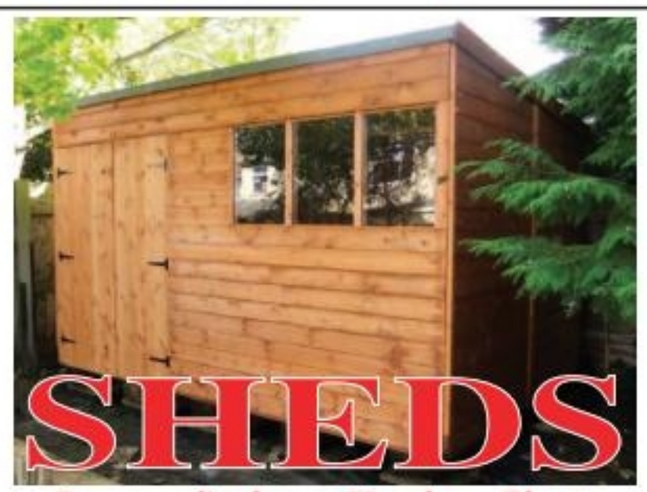

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Magnussen climbs grid to take Renault's first point since May

By **George Welch**

RENAULT are celebrating their first point since May after Kevin Magnussen broke into the top-10 at the Singapore Grand Prix on Sunday.

Magnussen enjoyed his and the team's second highest position of the season with a 10th placed finish at the Marina Bay street circuit.

Magnussen took advantage of a stellar start and ran for most of the race inside the top-10.

And the Dane praised his "perfect" Renault team for its strategy calls after he picked up what was only the team's second points finish of 2016.

The first came in the hands of the same man at the Russian Grand Prix on May 1, where he placed seventh.

Magnussen said: "I'm very happy for the whole team as this must be a boost for all of us.

"It's been a very demanding season as we all want to score points at every race, but that's not been possible.

"The team nailed it with the strategy, with the start and with the balance of the car.

"To drive a race like this and not to win it, it feels strange because for me it felt perfect."

Jolyon Palmer was not so lucky however as a suspected slow puncture from debris at the start of the race forced an earlier than planned first pit stop.

Running out of sequence, the Brit finished in 15th and is yet to score this season.

And although Palmer was left to rue his luck after the street race in Singapore, he is optimistic ahead of the Malaysian Grand Prix on October 2.

He said: "That was a tough race and we didn't have any breaks come our way.

"We pitted pretty early and this meant we had to run for longer subsequent stints which meant nursing the tyres more than if we'd run the more balanced stint length planned.

"The positive from today is we've seen that there's still scope to get points if everything goes your way; that's what I'm gunning for in Sepang."

The Enstone-based side remain in ninth position on seven points in what has been a challenging season.

• *Kevin Magnussen scored a point in Singapore (picture courtesy of Renault Sport Formula One Team)*

Drivers' championship standings

1. Nico Rosberg	Mercedes	273
2. Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	265
3. Daniel Ricciardo	Red Bull	179
4. Sebastian Vettel	Ferrari	153
5. Kimi Raikkonen	Ferrari	148
6. Max Verstappen	Red Bull	129
7. Valtteri Bottas	**Williams**	**70**
8. Sergio Perez	Force India	66
9. Nico Hulkenberg	Force India	46
10. Felipe Massa	**Williams**	**41**
11. Fernando Alonso	McLaren	36
12. Carlos Sainz	Toro Rosso	30
13. Romain Grosjean	**Haas**	**28**
14. Daniil Kvyat	Toro Rosso	25
15. Jenson Button	McLaren	17
16. Kevin Magnussen	**Renault**	**7**
17. Pascal Wehrlein	**Manor**	**1**
18. Stoffel Vandoorne	McLaren	1
19. Esteban Gutierrez	**Haas**	**0**
20. Jolyon Palmer	**Renault**	**0**
21. Marcus Ericsson	Sauber	0
22. Felipe Nasr	Sauber	0
23. Rio Haryanto	**Manor**	**0**
24. Esteban Ocon	**Manor**	**0**

Williams miss out on points

WILLIAMS driver Valtteri Bottas had a frustrating Singapore Grand Prix on Sunday, as his race plan unravelled at the start before being forced to retire.

Picking up a puncture at the start of the race, Bottas was forced to pit on lap two and rejoin at the back of the field.

After being hampered by damage he was eventually forced to stop after 35 laps due to mechanical problems, caused by a lengthy pitstop to tighten his seatbelts a few laps previous.

Bottas rued his early misfortune, saying: "It all went wrong before turn one. Someone touched my rear and I got a puncture, so we came into the pits.

"We went back out again but we saw that there was some damage on the car, so the pace was really poor.

"The car was sliding a lot and we didn't really have the speed. We tried to do everything that we could but then had a mechanical problem so we had to retire.

Felipe Massa also had a disappointing race, finishing outside the points in 12th, having started a place ahead and racing as high as seventh before losing track position in the pit stops.

Head of performance engineering at the Grove-based team, Rob Smedley, said: "For Felipe, we chose to go on a three-stop strategy to give us a bigger tyre delta at the end, but throughout the pitstops and through the traffic we just seemed to be on the back foot.

"For a circuit like this, and in terms of where we are in the championship, the damage has been limited.

"The teams around us didn't get the points they could have done so we've been quite lucky," he added.

•*Valtteri Bottas has a frustrating race in Singapore (picture courtesy of Williams Martini Racing)*

Consistent Haas come close again

IT was a frustrating weekend for Esteban Gutiérrez, who was Haas' lone representative in the Singapore Grand Prix on Sunday, as he narrowly missed out on points.

Romain Grosjean was unable to start the 61-lap race at the Marina Bay street circuit due to an issue with his brake-by-wire system.

As a result, Gutiérrez had to carry the flag for Banbury-based Haas, who have been on the fringes of the points in recent races.

And Gutiérrez finished in 11th place, one position outside the points, meaning Haas once again missed out on points.

The Mexican said: "It wasn't an easy race, but I think the whole weekend we were pretty consistent.

"It's this consistency that's helping us to understand and work on the details and really try to improve.

"We ended 11th, so close to the points again."

Meanwhile, there were mixed emotions for Banbury-based Manor, whose drivers finished 16th and 18th as their search for a second constructor point continues.

Pascal Wehrlein drove a flawless race to finish in 16th, pushing hard throughout to keep Sauber's Marcus Ericsson behind him to the flag.

Esteban Ocon's first night race experience in Singapore was hampered by pit stop woes, causing a disappointing last placed finish.

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Ardley beaten two games in succession

ARDLEY suffered a heavy home defeat at the hands of Longlevens at The Playing Fields on Saturday in a 4-1 loss.

The thrashing came despite Ardley taking an early lead and it is the second time in four days that Paul Davis's men had conceded four goals.

A devastating 12-minute period in the second half saw the visitors put the game to bed and the points go back to Gloucestershire, when the game had been threatening to drift away to a draw.

Ardley took the lead just three minutes into the game, when a Reece Bayliss free kick into the box was met by Bradley Cox, whose header looped up and in under the crossbar.

On seven minutes the scores were level when Ryan Dunn got down the right wing and crossed to Dave Merrick, who got to the ball first to slot home.

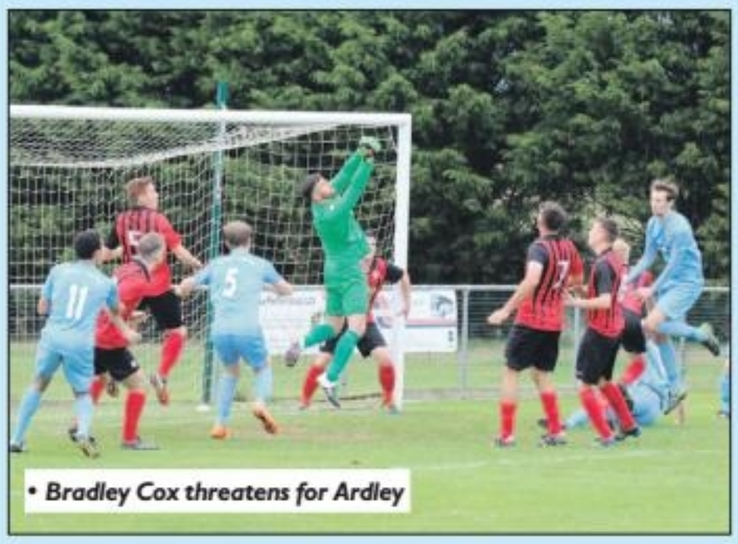
A slow start to the second half saw neither side create much in the way of clear-cut chances, and it took until the 64th minute and a lucky bounce for substitute Jack Kennedy to get in behind the Longlevens defence, but Ollie Hall saved well with his feet in the visitors' goal.

But the visitors took the lead two minutes later when a simple ball over the top saw Brad Martin take a touch before slotting past the advancing Joe White.

The game was sewn up with 15 minutes remaining when Shaun O'Connor beat White to a through ball to side foot over the onrushing keeper into the empty net.

Three minutes later it was four when Merrick bagged his second of the afternoon.

It is back-to-back defeats for United, who lost 4-3 at home to Thame United last Tuesday.



• Bradley Cox threatens for Ardley

Witney make it three in a row

By **Dominic Thomas**

WITNEY maintained their perfect start to the season with a third win at home to Chippenham by 26-8 on Saturday.

Centre Jake Thomas's charge-down and gather gave them a lead after just 30 seconds against the newly-demoted visitors.

A penalty a-piece followed, before Dominic Riccio sped down the wing for an unconverted try for the visitors to bring the scores to 10-8.

But three penalties from full-back Matt Clarke extended the hosts' lead after half time, as Chippenham struggled to cope with Witney's attack.

Their victory was then assured when number eight Declan Bayliss picked and went from a scrum late in the half, to secure a 26-8 win.

Elsewhere, Grove put on a strong performance to beat Banbury 36-28 in a high-scoring encounter at Bodicote Park on Saturday.

Despite leading 14-3 after 15 minutes, thanks to tries from Chris Phillips and Carl Daniels, the hosts let their lead slip by the end of the half, as Grove hit back with three of their own.

Hooker Steve Dixey scored their first, which was converted by Sam Vaughan, who also added a penalty, before Dave Wells scored an unconverted try and Josh Tyler crossed while Banbury were reduced to 14 men, as they took a 22-17 lead.

After the break Joe Chilvers also went over for Grove, with Vaughan again adding the extras.

Ed Phillips kept Banbury in touch with two penalties in the second half but the result was put beyond doubt when Grove's Connor Hull got the side's fifth try.

Banbury then claimed a consolation try through Max Titchener after the sin-binning of Grove winger Phil Durant, but it wasn't enough to overturn the 36-28 deficit.

And Oxford Harlequins continued a disappointing start to the season with a third loss at Reading by 29-17.

Pepperell goes back to basics

EDDIE Pepperell is to go back to basics after missing the cut on the European Tour for the fifth time in five weeks.

The Frilford Heath Golf Club member carded an encouraging first round of 71 at the Italian Open in Milan last Thursday.

But his par performance was undone in round two when he fired bogey-bogey-double bogey on the sixth, seventh and eighth holes.

Further bogeys on the 12th and 14th left him four over after 16 played.

Bad weather suspended play on the 16th and, with no chance of making the cut, the Abingdon man withdrew from the competition.

Pepperell has now missed the cuts in eight of his last 11 competitions, including his last five tournaments in succession.

The 25-year-old's shocking form has raised concerns whether he will retain his place on the European Tour circuit for the 2017 season.

With only three tournaments remaining on his 2016 campaign, Pepperell has pulled out of this week's Porsche European Open in Germany.

He has returned to Oxfordshire to work on his game and to go back to basics.

His next competitive action will be at Alfred Dunhill Links Championship in Scotland, on October 6.

Francesco Molinari won the Italian Open on home soil, with the Italian carding -22 and narrowly beating Englishman Danny Willett by one stroke.

• Eddie Pepperell

• Jason Plato (right) jostling for position with team-mate Colin Turkington (picture courtesy of btcc.net)

Plato in need of a miracle

JASON Plato's chances of a third British Touring Car Championship title hang by a thread after the penultimate round of the season at Silverstone.

The Silverline Subaru BMR Racing driver finished 10th, fifth and 12th at the famous Northamptonshire circuit to leave the Oxford man with only the slightest of chances to clinch championship glory.

Plato is one of eight drivers battling for the crown, although he is 58 points adrift of leader Sam Tordoff heading into the final round.

Plato is on 220 points, while Team JCT600's Tordoff has amassed 278 to gain an 11-point lead over his closest challenger, Halfords Yuasa Racing's Gordon Shedden.

Shedden's team-mate Matt Neal and the BMW of Rob Collard round off the top four.

A total of 67 points are still on offer at Brands Hatch on October 2.

Plato's Subaru teammate Colin Turkington is one spot ahead of the double championship winner in seventh place.

West Surrey Racing/BMW continue to lead the manufacturers' standings, whilst Team JCT600 with GardX recaptured top spot in the teams' table.

Plato celebrated his 500th race in the British Touring Car Championships (BTCC) with a win at Knockhill in August.

First win of the season for Stars

OXFORD City Stars beat Streatham 8-5 on Sunday to record their first win of the season.

Goals from Jake Florey, Ben Ealey-Newman, Ben Nethersell and Ondrej Pekarik, as well as braces from Josh Oliver and Joe Edwards made it a comfortable night for the Stars at the Oxford Ice Rink.

Oxford were dominant in the first period and Oliver found the top shelf after a beautifully timed pass in front of the net from Darren Elliot.

The second for the Stars came seconds later from a combo between Michael Whillock and Edwards, with the latter converting to double the hosts' advantage.

Oliver bagged his second of the night to make it 3-0 towards the end of the first period.

Florey and Edwards made it 5-0 to the Stars before Streatham staged a mini comeback to make it 5-3. Ealey-Newman added his name to the scporesheet to make it 6-3 heading into the third period.

Both teams scored two more in the final period, with Oxford recording their first win of the season 8-5.

The win came after the Stars' season opening defeat at home to Wightlink Raiders.

Goals from Dax Hedges, Pakarik and Edwards could not prevent a 4-3 defeat against the Raiders on September 11.

Despite Oxford being 3-0 down and pulling it back to 3-3, Wightlink stole the win with a last minute finish.

The Stars made a drawing start to their BBO Cup campaign after they drew 3-3 at Bracknell Hornets on Saturday.

• Oxford City Stars in action at the season opener on September 11 (picture courtesy of @oxfordcitystars)

Hoops crash out of competition after extra time defeat

Oxford City out of FA Cup

By **George Welch**

OXFORD City crashed out of the FA Cup in a 2-1 extra-time home defeat to 10-man Bath City in the second qualifying round on Tuesday night.

The telling blow came from an unfortunate own goal by City's Godfrey Poku at the end of the first period of extra time.

The game was delicately poised at 1-1 and heading into extra time after the teams could not be separated on the night, or on Saturday where a 1-1 draw at Bath ensured Tuesday's replay.

At the Marsh Lane stadium, Justin Merritt's side took the lead after 21 minutes, when Mike Fondop met a Tom Winters cross, which looped over the keeper and into the net.

Bath responded quickly in the 25th minute through Frankie Artus, who converted from a corner.

The Hoops went close to scoring in the second half, with former Billericay Town striker Fondop striking the post.

And shortly afterwards, Bath midfielder Shaquille Hunter was sent off for violent conduct when he reacted angrily after being fouled by Freddie Grant. The Oxford defender went down holding his face and Hunter was shown a straight red card.

The visiting Romans held out for the remaining normal time with few scares but found themselves under increasing pressure as extra-time progressed.

But City failed to capitalise on their man advantage.

With the half time whistle seconds away in extra time Josh Hutchinson battled for possession near the touchline which ended with Poku's attempted tackle looping over keeper Jack Stevens to give Bath the lead.

The second half of extra time saw the home side throw everything they could at City but Gary Owers' team stood firm to earn their passage to the third qualifying round, where they will face a trip to Potters Bar Town on October 1.

Tuesday's replay was the third encounter between Oxford and Bath in a fortnight. The Hoops overcame the Romans 3-1 in the league on September 6 at Twerton Park, but Saturday's FA Cup clash saw a 1-1 draw at the same stadium.

City, who took the lead just before half-time through Fondop, were denied a passage through to the next round by a 90th minute Marvin Morgan equaliser for Bath.

Meanwhile, Eddie Odhiambo and Conor McDonagh have left the club following the signings of Josh Ashby, James Roberts and Jonny Giles on loan from neighbours Oxford United.

• City's Jonny Giles in action against Bath on Saturday (picture by Michael Allen)

Not so super Weston beaten at Eynsham Park

NORTH Leigh overcame higher league opposition to progress to the third round of the FA Cup qualifying rounds with a 2-1 win over Weston-super-Mare at Eynsham Park on Saturday.

Weston, who play in the National League South - two leagues above the Millers - were undone by goals from George Seacole and Eric Odhiambo to cause a cup upset for the West Oxfordshire side.

The win continued the Millers' good form in what was a relatively easy afternoon for John Brough's men.

Seacole gave the hosts the lead on 40 minutes after Leigh had squandered a whole host of goal scoring chances.

Weston improved after the restart but Leigh doubled their lead as Seacole provided a great ball to Odhiambo, who scored to give the hosts a bit of breathing space on 63 minutes.

It was a lead they needed as Weston responded within three minutes, with Elliot Richards converting from close range .

On 82 minutes Leigh substitute Roger James received the ball out of defence in his own half, ran towards the Weston box, beat two defenders and saw his curling shot just slip the wrong side of the far post.

The visitors never really threatened Conor Thompson in the Leigh goal and they saw out the game to progress to the next round.

North Leigh have drawn Ryman Premier League side Folkestone Invicta in the third qualifying round of the FA Cup.

The tie will be played at Eynsham Park on October 1.

Banbury two wins from FA Cup proper

BANBURY United are into third qualifying round of the FA Cup for the first time since 2005 with a 6-1 hammering of 10-man Cirencester on Saturday.

The thrashing at the Corinium Stadium means the Puritans are just two wins from the first round proper of the FA Cup.

A brace from the departing forward Felipe Barcelos and goals from Zac McEachran, Conor McDonagh, Ricky Johnson and Callum White rounded off an impressive day for United.

Cirencester's consolation came in the concluding stages through Matt Liddiard.

Despite an even opening 10 minutes, the game swung in Banbury's favour in the 12th minute when Cirencester's Alfie Kilgour saw red card for a poor challenge on Jacob Blackstock.

First half goals from former Oxford City front man Barcelos and midfielder McEachran gave the visitors a commanding lead at the break.

And McDonagh, Barcelos, Johnson and White completed the rout with second half goals to set up a third qualifying tie at National League South side Wealdstone on October 1.

•Banbury are through to the FA Cup third qualifying round (picture by Edwin Barson)

Two goals from Barcelos was the perfect way for the Brazilian to sign off, who has now left the club to attend Loughborough University for a three year Higher National Diploma in Sports and Management.

Barcelos signed for the club in January 2016 and was a key part of the club's success in gaining promotion last season.

Clinical Tivvy derail suffering Didcot Town

DIDCOT Town suffered their fifth defeat in nine matches following a disappointing 3-1 loss at Tiverton Town in the Evo-Stik League Southern Division 1 South & West on Saturday.

A brace from Levi Landricombe and an Owen Howe strike ensured a clinical Tiverton side continued their unbeaten start to the season to propel them to second in the table.

Despite a spirited performance, the Railwaymen could only manage a late consolation from Jack Longford.

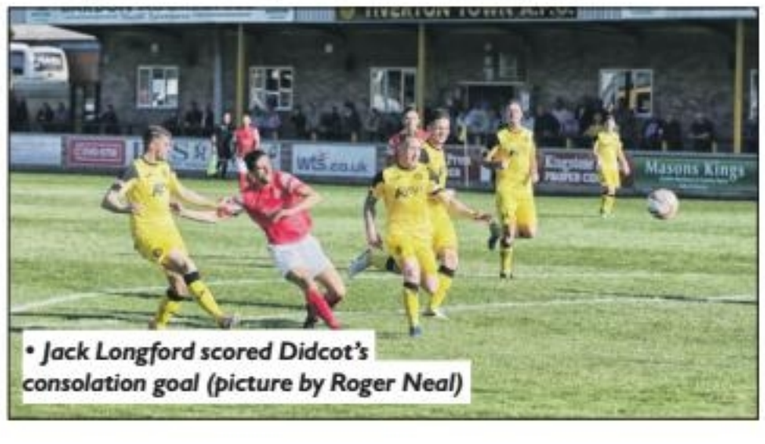
Diddy enjoyed some early pressure when Ben Whitehead missed a one-on-one, before Adam Learoyd could not quite convert a Jack Powell corner.

Despite some more pressure from the visitors, the hosts took the lead just before the half hour mark when Landricombe rounded Leigh Bedwell and slotted home.

With Didcot looking the more likely to score in the second half, they were hit against the run of play as Landricombe passed to Howe who made no mistake from close range.

The second goal deflated Didcot and, with Tivvy looking to confirm the win, Landricombe duly delivered when he volleyed home. Didcot were spirited until the end and were rewarded with a consolation through Longford.

Diddy also lost 4-2 at home to Hungerford Town in the Berks & Bucks FA Senior Cup on Tuesday night.



• Jack Longford scored Didcot's consolation goal (picture by Roger Neal)

Sport Bites

Pro deal

FOOTBALL: Oxford United youngster Jordan Graham has signed his first professional contract with the club.

Graham, 18, a winger or striker, has played for the youth side for the past three seasons and is currently on loan at Didcot Town, but is yet to make a senior appearance for the U's.

England call-up

FOOTBALL: Oxford United Women's goalkeeper Demi Lambourne has been playing for the England under-20 squad in a tournament in the United States of America.

Lambourne played one of England under-20's three matches at the Women's NTC Invitational Tournament in Los Angeles, from September 12-20.

The Oxford stopper's only appearance came in the third and final match, a 0-0 draw with South Korea.

England were already confirmed as champions following wins over Brazil and the USA.

Boat Club leader

ROWING: Isabell von Loga has been named as the new Oxford University Women's Boat Club President.

Von Loga, a German native, has been elected President of the Oxford University Women's Boat Club for the 2016/17 season and will lead the Dark Blues into next year's Race.

Von Loga has been elected following the previous president's decision to stand down.

Elo Luik decided to resign from the role to dedicate more time to her studies.

The 2017 Women's Boat Race will take place on April 2, 2017 at 5.35pm.

Hockey debut

HOCKEY: Oxford Hawks player Rowena Hearn has become the youngest player to feature in the national leagues on Saturday.

She made her debut for the team in their Investec Western opening match against Stourport last weekend on what was her 15th birthday – only just making her eligible for the league.

The Hawks lost the match 2–1, but Hearn supplied an assist to the Hawks' only goal, with a pass to scorer Claire Werlinger.

Five star rower

ROWING: Wallingford rower Charles Parry has won five medals at the World Masters Rowing Championships in Copenhagen.

Competing in the G category for ages 65-70 Parry won gold in the single and the eight, as well as winning the F category double sculls with clubmate Tom Bishop, and coxed fours, missing out on the coxless four and quad races.

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United bag their first away point

By **George Welch**

OXFORD United picked up their first point on the road this season with a battling 0-0 draw at MK Dons on Saturday.

Almost 4,000 U's fans made the trip across the border to Buckinghamshire to see their side take on MK Dons for the first ever meeting between the sides.

In a fascinating tactical battle at Stadium:MK, the U's defended resolutely when required and carved out enough presentable chances to have stolen all three points.

The hosts started brightly and were the first to go close through Kieran Agard inside six minutes, as the Dons' record signing rounded Oxford keeper Simon Eastwood before seeing his strike on goal superbly cleared off the line by Chey Dunkley.

An early chance was also presented to U's striker Wes Thomas but he could not beat keeper David Martin as he flew from his line.

Thomas's afternoon ended there as he limped off to be replaced by Ryan Taylor after jarring an ankle in the collision.

The non-stop Joe Rothwell exchanged passes with Taylor and fired in a low shot on 34 minutes that Martin smothered on his line.

It was an even first half but the second half started with the home side having their best spell of the match.

Ben Reeves flicked a header into the arms of Eastwood on 49 minutes and most of the game was played in the United half until the 56th minute when Martin touched a back pass and conceded an indirect free kick inside his area.

The Dons lined an entire team up as a wall and Chris Maguire was unable to force the free kick through the sea of white shirts.

The contest became more end-to-end after the hour mark as both sides showed more attacking intent.

Dunkley and Charlie Raglan both made key blocks and tackles while John Lundstram smashed one wide from 25 yards at the other end.

The U's best chance fell to Liam Sercombe with 12 minutes to go, but he saw his rising effort tipped over the bar by Martin.

But it was Eastwood who made the match defining save as he came out quickly to save superbly at the feet of Agard deep into injury time.

While United picked up their first point away from the Kassam Stadium this season, MK Dons' winless home league run was extended to nine games - a run that stretches back to March.

Last season there were two divisions between the clubs, but on Saturday there was nothing between the teams who aim to play bright attacking football.

The U's are now 12th after collecting their third clean sheet in a row.

MK Dons	0
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• Liam Sercombe, in action here against Brighton, had United's best chance against MK Dons (picture by Steve Daniels)

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